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A Prayer for the Life of the World
modified, originally by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield

Holy Mystery, ever ancient, ever new,
we come before You,
aware of our interconnectedness in the cosmos,
and in solidarity with the rostros concretos of the marginalized.
We come with deep gratitude for our common call.
Draw us into communion with You and all creation.
Living with intentional awareness and openness to change,
we seek to expand the expression of our lives,
inviting others to walk with us in growing solidarity.
Free our hearts to recognize and attend to Christ in hidden and unexpected places.
We renounce our participation in the sin of racism
and reject the societal barriers created by the misuse of power.
Through our contemplation, transform us to listen deeply to one another and to the brokenness of the world.
Bless our efforts to be the holy preaching.
Christ, You are expansive.
We journey in that truth, offering our testimonio de vida.
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Love of Neighbor in Laudato Si’

Theological Foundations for Practical Commitment
In the story of Cain and Abel, we see how envy led Cain to commit the ultimate injustice against his brother, which in turn ruptured the relationship between Cain and God, and between Cain and the earth from which he was banished. This is seen clearly in the dramatic exchange between God and Cain. God asks: “Where is Abel your brother?” Cain answers that he does not know, and God persists: “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground” (Gen 4:9-11). Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbor, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth. When all these relationships are neglected, when justice no longer dwells in the land, the Bible tells us that life itself is endangered.
“Night Prayer,” Michael Cook
Cain: a cultivator of the soil; his name connotes both “spear” and “metal-worker”

Abel: a keeper of sheep; his name connotes “vapor” or “nothingness”

City: not strictly urban space; symbolic of human civilization; a system of political ecology
The nations of the world “shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore”

(Is. 2.4)
The Cry of The Poor

Ector Olivares, Program Manager
The Diocese of Stockton is located in San Joaquin County. It includes parishes in:

- Tuolumne County
- Stanislaus County
- Calaveras County
- Alpine County
- Mono County
The Environmental Justice Program started in 2005 by Bishop Stephen Blaire.

Since 2015, the EJ program has been staffed by full-time employees.

He wanted to help answer Pope Francis’ call to action on climate change.

Currently, the only EJ program in all of Catholic Charities across the country.
Our Mission

We use our unique Catholic voice to improve air quality, reduce fossil fuel emissions, advocate for ethically sustainable community growth, and reduce the impact of climate change in the San Joaquin Valley.

In accordance with Catholic Social Teaching, we are particularly concerned with how these environmental challenges harm poor and vulnerable communities.
Our Focus

Advocacy

Community

Parish
What is the cry of the poor?
EQUITY

The same opportunity that everyone else has

- Housing
- Health
- Land use
- Environment
- Economic
Our Catholic Mandate

• Catholic Social Teachings
  • Call to Family, Community, and Participation
  • Rights and Responsibilities
  • Care for God's Creation
Environmental Justice

• The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to development, implementation, enforcement

• The same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards

• Equal access to decision making process
Think Global, Act Local

Get Involved! Know what’s going on in your community

Reach out to local Environmental groups- work with coalitions

Get training- give training- develop leaders

*Systems changes can take generations to enact!
Stockton students build 150 air purifiers for Earth Day
California legislature to stop their unprecedented attack on the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) standard.

We must cut truck pollution to stop diesel death and create good clean transportation jobs. Communities across the state have waited long enough for cleaner air!
UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

—The Lorax
Response to the Cry of the Poor

The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. Actions could include projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants, and children at risk, analysis and improvement of social systems, and social service programmes.
What is happening and to who?

Barbara Johnson, 
Our Lady of the Holy Cross: Baden, MO
What is the response that is needed

Examples:

- Cleaning up the water for children - Get the Lead Out (Missouri) legislation in 2022
- Improve Social Services as a tool for supporting the poor suffering after environmental crisis
  - Medicaid Expansion Story
- Individual Congregational Action - Gardens with healthy food for local pantries, holding air monitors, canvassing the neighborhoods before clean-ups to talk more about illegal dumping
Community Based Air Quality Monitoring

Washington University Environmental Racism Report
Laudato Si

Missouri Foundation for Health Funded:

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Washington University: Jay Turner Lab
The Nature Conservancy
Washington University Environmental Studies Department
Congregations around the St. Louis, MO Region
Research and Development Support: Sierra Club
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Seasonal PM$_{2.5}$ Daily Average (µg/m$^3$)
Case Study: St. Ann Parish
MCU Environmental Justice Leader Actions

Summary:

- Over 500 people have signed Air Quality Reform Petitions since May 2022
- 10 Personal Statements at the Missouri Air Conservation Commission since July 2022 (Gamaliel National Strategic Priority announced in Dec. 2022)
- 12 meetings held on air quality ranging from small groups to public meetings
- MCU Leaders grew the original work by engaging in citizen science efforts from purple air monitoring installation to social media content creation.
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Questions?
Join us next week for the next two conference sessions:
Tuesday, June 27th - Ecological Economics
Thursday, June 29th - Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
Both sessions will begin at 8pm (Eastern)

For more information:
info@CatholicClimateCovenant.org
Sostenemos hermanos y hermanas quienes sufran de tormentas y sequías intensificadas por el cambio climático. Sostenemos todas las especies que sufren. Sostenemos líderes mundial delegados a tomar decisiones por la vida. Rezamos que la red de la vida se puede reparar A través de acciones valientes en limitar la emisión de carbono. Rezamos por acciones correctas en adaptación y mitigación para ayudar nuestra comunidad mundial que sufre. Rezamos que el amor y sabiduría inspire mis acciones Y nuestras acciones como comunidad... Para que podamos, con integridad, mirar a los ojos de los hermanos y hermanas y todos los seres y en verdad digamos, Estamos haciendo nuestra parte para cuidar de ellos y el futuro de los niños. Para que el amor nos transforme y transforme el mundo para nuevos pasos hacia la vida.

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change. We hold all species that suffer. We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life. We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous action to limit carbon emissions. We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering Earth community. We pray that love and wisdom might my action and our actions as communities... so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of our siblings, and all beings and truthfully say, We are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children. May love transform us and our world with new steps towards life.
THANK YOU
AND
GOOD EVENING!