

Step-by-Step Guide for Gathering Signatures for the Catholic Climate Declaration

CATHOLICS ARE STILL IN

The [Catholic Climate Declaration \(CCD\)](#) is a public expression of support by the Catholic community in the United States for action to address climate change. It is to be signed by the leader with the authority to sign on behalf of his or her institution (e.g., diocese, parish, healthcare facility, university, parochial school, religious order, non-profit organization). We hope and pray hundreds of Catholic institutions will sign the declaration.

How can you, as an individual Catholic, help in the effort?

You can be of enormous help by reaching out to the Catholic leaders you know to encourage them to sign their institution onto the declaration. **How?**

1) You will need to identify **the leadership of your Catholic institution.**

Parish: Priest

School: Principal

Diocese: Bishop (or Archbishop in case of an Archdiocese)

University: President, Director of Institute or Center

Catholic Hospitals: Administrator or CEO

Catholic Organizations: Executive Directors or Head of organization

Religious Orders: Superior of a religious order or a province.

2) Make an appointment to **speak with your leadership** about the Catholic Climate Declaration.

You can meet with them in-person – the most effective way of dialoguing and persuading others - make a phone call, or write or email them. If you feel more comfortable meeting with them with a group of other committed Catholics, please do so!

3) To help you **prepare for your conversation** we have prepared a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

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- 4) During your conversation (or in your mail/email) **let them know** that the Catholic Climate Declaration:
- Reflects the Church’s long-standing moral basis for the care of God’s creation and climate action, as integral to our care for the life and dignity of all people in our one human family.
 - Is an act in prayerful solidarity with the We Are Still In campaign, the largest and most diverse coalition of organizations across American society, calling for climate action
 - Is supported by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and organized by Catholic Climate Covenant.
- 5) This “**Leave Behind**” document contains **information helpful for the institutional leader**. Send it with your email or leave behind after you have met with him/her.
- 6) The institutional leader will need to **submit his/her signature** by going to this webpage: <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic-climate-declaration>
- 7) The **deadline for gathering signatures is June 11th, 2018**. Catholic Climate Covenant will announce the total number of signatories on June 18th, 2018 (the third anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*).
- 8) If your or the leader of your institution has **questions about the CCD**, please refer them to information [here](#) or have them call or write the Covenant at info@catholicclimatecovenant.org or 202-756-5545.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of God’s creation!