



Catholic Climate Covenant Creation Care Teams

Catholic Climate Covenant's Creation Care Teams are our community organizing vehicles. Our teams help bring care for creation into the center of community life.

About the Teams

- Teams are coordinated by a volunteer leader. The leader and all other members must register because all resources are sent by email. We ask that you commit to meeting at least once a month for a year.
- Both novice groups and groups that have been operating for years are welcome.
- The program can operate as a stand-alone resource. It can also complement other resources (such as Interfaith Power and Light's program)
- Teams are active in parishes, schools, workplaces, and community residences.
- We offer this program free of charge as part of our service to the Catholic community.

Team Resources

- We provide Creation Care Teams with a resource email that is sent every two weeks.
- Each resource email contains three things: simple activities to increase sustainability, one-click advocacy, and a reflection piece.
- A slightly abbreviated (due to space) sample resource email follows.

More Support

- In addition to this resource email, we provide our teams with wrap-around support to encourage you and to help you overcome challenges.
- Supports include an exclusive Facebook group to share what is and isn't working, training webinars, and conference calls.



Sample Email

How will you take action?

 **10 minutes**
Brainstorm where there's an acceptable location at your parish for a long-term recycling drive where parishioners can drop off hard-to-recycle items like batteries, light bulbs, printer cartridges, and textiles. Recycling these items prevents them from sitting in a landfill, where they emit greenhouse gases. It also minimizes the carbon costs of manufacturing new products from scratch.

 **30 minutes**
Once a specific recycling area has been designated, spread the word. Through your email list, newsletter, and parish announcements, let your congregation know there's now a convenient location to drop off these items instead of throwing them away with their regular trash.

 **Ongoing**
Once a month (adjust depending on your parish's response), sift through the recyclable items together. Designate team members on a rotating basis to take the items to a recycling center and ensure they're disposed of properly. Visit search.earth911.com to find the right locations near you.

Be a part of history.

When the Covenant's director travels to the Vatican to discuss Pope Francis's ecology encyclical, he'll be delivering messages of support from thousands of Catholics throughout the U.S. Will your name be on there? Let the Pope know you stand behind him. Sign the letter now.

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 **Dig Deeper**
"Their is nobility in the duty to care for Creation through little daily actions." – Pope Francis

At your next Creation Care meeting, brainstorm with your team what the biggest obstacles to tackling climate change are at your church. What small changes can you encourage friends and neighbors to take to care for the environment? How can your group ensure that your parish practices what it preaches?