



Feast of St. Francis 2018 Further Resources and Actions

Below is a list of resources for further study and action. We encourage you and your community to learn more about climate change and migration. Start and register a [Creation Care Team](#) to continue your community's climate actions, explore the Catholic Energies program to help reduce your carbon footprint, and most importantly, open your hearts to all our neighbors in a climate-threatened world and be ready to see God in migrants, refugees, and the Earth.

Resources on Climate Change and Migration/Refugees

Catholic Climate Covenant: [In the Footsteps of the Holy Family: Refugees in an Era of Climate Change](#). This webinar explores the impacts that climate change has on human migration and how climate change has already created climate refugees. (<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/in-the-footsteps-of-the-holy-family-refugees-in-an-era-of-climate-change>)

Catholic Relief Services: [The Push of Climate Change](#) (<https://www.crs.org/stories/climate-refugees-bangladesh-chad>). This story is part of a year-long campaign called [Living on the Edge of Climate Change](#), which shows how the changing environment is affecting the world's most vulnerable.

United Nations: [Migration and Climate Change](#), International Organization for Migration. (<https://www.iom.int/migration-and-climate-change-0>) and [Climate Change Is A Key Driver of Migration and Food Insecurity](#), United Nations (<https://unfccc.int/news/climate-change-is-a-key-driver-of-migration-and-food-insecurity>)

The Lancet: [Connecting planetary health, climate change, and migration](#), The Lancet, Planetary Health ([https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanplh/article/PIIS2542-5196\(18\)30004-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanplh/article/PIIS2542-5196(18)30004-4/fulltext))

The Video Project: Climate Refugees is the first feature film (86 minutes) to explore in-depth the global human impact of climate change. For more information go here: <https://www.videoproject.com/Climate-Refugees.html>.



Resources on Migration/Refugees

The Catholic Church has rich teachings on migration/refugee issues. Here are a few resources we highly recommend for deeper understanding of Catholic social teaching on migration:

[Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples.cfm), USCCB (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples.cfm>)

Sisters of Mercy: [Immigration Impact: the Interconnection of Our Critical Concerns](https://www.sistersofmercy.org/files/images/Justice/Immig/07Critical-Concerns-Series.pdf) . An excellent summary of how poverty, violence, racism, and environmental destruction push people away from their homes. (<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/files/images/Justice/Immig/07Critical-Concerns-Series.pdf>)

[Share the Journey Campaign](https://www.sharejourney.org) (<https://www.sharejourney.org>): A global Catholic campaign to support migrants and refugees through encounter, advocacy, accompaniment, and prayer.

[Jesuit Refugee Service](https://www.jrsusa.org): Many stories of refugees from around the world and ideas of how to get involved with refugee resettlement and advocacy. (<https://www.jrsusa.org>)

Climate Action Resources

Creation Care Teams: An excellent program to start in your parish, school, or religious community. The Creation Care Team (CCT) Program is designed to educate and equip your parish, school, or religious community along with the U.S. Catholic community to confront climate change—as a group. CCTs work together to create sustainable parish and school facilities, integrate Creation care into all aspects of parish or school life, and advocate for faith-informed climate policies.

For more information on Creation Care teams go here:

<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/cct>

Catholic Energies: Climate action requires lowering our consumption of fossil fuels. Catholic facilities/buildings can look to save energy, install solar panels, etc., with the Catholic Energies program. For more information go here: <https://catholicenergies.org>

For more information and more resources go to www.catholicclimatecovenant.org