

GREAT NEWS! UK to end contribution to climate change!



Thanks to thousands of you who have taken part in our climate campaign, Our Common Home, we've witnessed an historic breakthrough. The Prime Minister Theresa May has announced that the UK Government will commit in law a by-2050 net zero emissions target. We strongly welcome the Government's decision, the first major economy to do so, which shows real leadership and sets the UK on the path to playing our part to stop climate change. This is a watershed moment and we should celebrate.

Bringing the message of urgent climate action to Number 10
On 31 May we delivered a message to 10 Downing Street.

Nearly three quarters of a million people signed a petition calling for the UK to take urgent action on climate change. Together with The Climate Coalition, WWF, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Christian Aid and 38 Degrees, we delivered 743,985 signatures to Theresa May.



Our praying, our lobbying and our petitioning can't stop. We need to show our politicians that they made the right choice, and we stand beside them as they start to make the hard choices necessary. We must hold our leaders to account to ensure that net zero policies are ambitious, clear and put in place urgently.

Use our new petition enclosed in this Update to continue the campaign for an end to climate change.

Sign and share our new petition enclosed with this update

Celebrate the Season of Creation this September

Pope Francis has established September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The World Day of Prayer marks the beginning of Creation Time which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

So as the Season of Creation approaches, why not organise a Creation Celebration? This special Creation-themed Mass, shared meal and petition signing is a great opportunity for you to involve your parish and community in a conversation about how to tackle the climate crisis.

Campaigners across England and Wales attended kick-off Creation Celebrations in May. The 22 events took place in almost every diocese and were aimed at helping you prepare your own celebrations later in the year.



Jane, from East Anglia diocese said, "the Creation Celebration inspired many volunteers to go back to their parishes and organise their own celebrations."

The Season of Creation is great for a Creation Celebration!

Have you got...

» 2 minutes?

Tweet us your photos from the Time is Now lobby. Don't forget to use the hashtag *#thetimeisnow*

» 5 minutes?

Sign up to be an MP Correspondent.

cafod.org.uk/MPC

» 1 hour?

Organise a Creation Celebration. Be sure to use our new petition enclosed in this Update.

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» **Keep up the momentum on net zero: cafod.org.uk/climate**

Speak truth to power

We all have a role to shape a better world and we can work with politicians to get our voices heard. Lobbying your MP as an MP Correspondent (MPC) is another great way to demand change from people in power. As a campaigner who is passionate about issues affecting our world, being an MPC is a way to be able to affect real change.

As an MPC we ask you to write to your MP three or four times a year to call for action on issues affecting the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities in our world.

Once a year, to strengthen your relationship with your MP, we invite you to a reception in Parliament, giving you the opportunity to talk directly to your MP.



For more information on what it is to be an MPC and how to sign up visit our website.

» Encourage people in your parishes to sign up cafod.org.uk/MPC

We know that our MPCs find the role rewarding and a way of living out their faith and taking action. In turn we've heard from MPs that hearing from members of their constituents in person, or via a letter, is a powerful incentive to fight for change in Parliament.



Coming soon

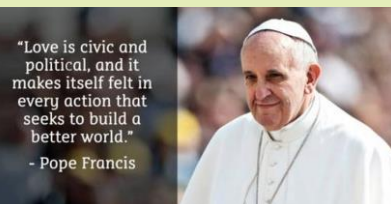
Love is Civic and Political: Our Faith and the Common Good

What: A CAFOD faith in action day (previously known as a CAFOD retreat)

When: November

Where: In your diocese – or the next one over

How: An invite will go out in July's update



Quote: Emily Thornberry, MP

"You have a voice and you are just as important as anybody else. So make sure that you express that and make sure that you use that little bit of power that you have. With your friends and your family and your neighborhoods, you can change an area, and in turn, the world can be changed.



Emily Thornberry, MP for Islington South and Finsbury and Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs speaking at our MPC event in May.

Meet Leila...

Leila Bousbaa is a CAFOD climate champion and volunteer. Read about how she has been inspired by her faith to get involved with CAFOD.



My involvement with CAFOD from a young age allowed me to put my faith into action. From going to Lourdes every summer, to becoming a member of the Walsingham House team and then being a gapper, I have continually been involved in Catholic organisations that work towards making the world a better place.

I think, with CAFOD, you're acting out your faith every single day. You're putting your faith into action. And that can happen not just by donating but by campaigning and being a voice for the voiceless.

Being an MP Correspondent, writing to your MP, signing a petition, attending an event or trying to make changes at all different levels are all very concrete examples of using your faith, which is what I try to do. So, I can see that mirrored in what CAFOD does as well.

Knowing that every single person in this world has been made in the perfect image of Christ and that no-one was born to be in such poverty inspires me most to campaign. We've been blessed so we should use our faith to try and impact other people's lives as I'm sure they would do if they were in our position.

» Promote campaigning in your parish cafod.org.uk/campaign

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