

## Dear Campaign Volunteer,

This year, the eyes of the world are on the UK as we host two major international meetings: the G7 summit in June and the UN climate talks in November. Decisions taken at these meetings have the potential to impact the lives of millions of people across the world.

It is vital that politicians at these meetings put the poorest communities at the heart of the decisions they make so that the world can rebuild from the pandemic in a way that addresses global poverty and climate change. As citizens of the host nation, we have a vital role to play too.

For this reason, we are asking CAFOD campaign volunteers like you to support the Reclaim Our Common Home campaign this year, and to lead on two key actions to ensure that the voices of the Catholic community are heard.

With the enclosed pack you will find:

- 15 petition cards
- 1 poster to promote the petition
- A Parliament in your Parish guide

**1. As Britain prepares to host the UN Climate talks, please promote the petition to the Prime Minister in any way you can.** Where possible, organise regular petition card signings after Mass, and display the promotional poster in a place that is likely to catch the attention of passers-by. It would be preferable for this to be done during April and May.

You can either ask people to sign it online at [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim) or by giving one of the enclosed petition cards to someone who is more likely to sign it in person.

To encourage more petition signatures amongst parishioners you could mention these three key points:

- As host of two major international meetings, the G7 and the UN climate talks, Britain is in a unique position to show global leadership to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change. As citizens we need to ensure that the Prime Minister does not miss this opportunity.

- It's critical that politicians put the world's poorest communities at the heart of the decisions they make as we rebuild from the pandemic and tackle the climate crisis.
- At CAFOD we know that change happens when enough of us come together to take action and raise our collective voices - your voices and action matter!

If you would like more petition cards you can order additional ones at [cafod.org.uk/shop](https://cafod.org.uk/shop).

Once you gather as many petition signatures as you can, please use the Freepost envelope provided to return them to CAFOD Head Office – or people can post their card back to us themselves, also Freepost.

**2. Will you set up an online meeting with your MP?** As part of CAFOD's campaign this year we are asking people to set up online meetings with their local MPs as part of our 'Parliament in your Parish' events. We are running training sessions on Thursday 25 March or Saturday 10 April (you only need to attend one). In this training session you will learn how to set up an online meeting with your MP, along with other parishioners, to discuss how to rebuild from the pandemic in a way that tackles the major issues of our time. Sign up here: [cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting](https://cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting)

It has never been more important to let our representatives know that we care passionately about our world. You don't have to be an expert on the policy issues to host this meeting. The enclosed pack tells you everything you need to know, and in our training session we'll walk you through it.

Your local coordinator will be in touch to chat about what we are asking you to do. The CAFOD Campaigns team are also here to help you.

Andrea, Helen and the CAFOD Campaign team