
Dear Campaign Volunteer,

We are excited to tell you that our new campaign, **Fix the Food System**, has launched. We need you to be part of it, and to help bring the campaign to others in your parish!

We have launched this campaign because the way we produce, process and transport food isn't working. Giant corporations put profits before people, and most of the 800 million people worldwide who don't get enough to eat are small farmers. In addition, the global food system is one of the biggest drivers of climate change. We need alternative food systems that protect the planet and enable those who grow our food to make their own choices and earn a dignified income.

In this new campaign, we are drawing attention to the injustice of the current food system, whilst highlighting the alternatives. Communities who work with us are leading the way, growing food in ways that are good for people and the planet. We are urging the UK government to play its part in fixing the food system, and we need Catholic parishes to get involved to help bring about change. You can read much more about this in the enclosed materials, which are:

- A leader's guide, to running a **7 stations activity** in your parish, and
- A leaflet, for each person who takes part in the activity, which includes a detachable action card to send to Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.

We hope that you will organise this activity in your parish during May, June or July. There's information in the leader's guide about how to go about this. You can organise the activity for any time of the week, although after Mass one weekend might be a good time. It lasts around 45 minutes, and there is no set number of people who can take part, although 10-20 might be ideal.

Please note: You will need to order enough leaflets from the CAFOD online shop for each person who takes part: <https://shop.cafod.org.uk> You will need **one per person**, because each leaflet contains an action card for people to complete at the end. This is a message to Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, so it's a critical part of the process.

Please encourage people to sign a card while they are there, and hand it back to you, if they are happy to do so. If they take it away with them, this results in far fewer coming back to us, so it's great to do it on the spot.

There is a **return form** enclosed with this update. Please keep this safe and return it to us with all your completed action cards, after your activity has taken place.

We have a webinar on Wednesday 11 May at 7pm which will be an opportunity to hear more about the issue of the food system, and what our campaign is all about. Please register at cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks to listen live or listen afterwards.

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There are more resources to help you at cafod.org.uk/food, including:

- A Supporter Briefing that explains the issues in more depth
- An article about why being part of this campaign is grounded in our faith
- A list of Q+As, to help you answer questions from others.

Below you will find a short announcement that you can use at the end of Mass to invite people to take part, and for your parish bulletin.

If you like to use social media then do post a photo of your activity! Just tag @CAFOD and use the hashtag #FixTheFoodSystem.

We are here to support you. If you have any queries at all, or to receive the notice below electronically, just email Helen (hmooseley@cafod.org.uk) or your local CAFOD staff member who will be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you for being a CAFOD Campaign Volunteer and for being with us as we work together for a better and fairer world.

With best wishes,

Helen, Andrea and the rest of the Campaigns Team

Announcement for the end of Mass / notice for parish bulletin

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, has launched a campaign called **Fix the Food System**. 800 million people face hunger in our world, including in this country, but there is no shortage of food. We need 3.7 billion tonnes of food to feed everyone, and we produce 4 billion tonnes! The problem is, the global food system doesn't work for everyone. The profits of some large corporations are often prioritised over the needs of small farmers around the world and this often means that those farmers live in poverty themselves.

As Pope Francis said on World Food Day in 2021, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." So do come along on [date] at [time] at [place to meet] to join with an activity based on 7 stations. We will learn together about the problems of the global food system, some solutions, and a simple action you can take with CAFOD to help. Thank you.

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