

JustMatters Just FAITH

TOPICAL MATERIALS FOR JUSTICE SEEKERS

God's Creation Cries for Justice. Climate Change: Impact and Response

JustFaith Ministries (www.justfaith.org) announces the availability of an important education and faith formation study. In conjunction with the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, we are offering this study module for use by faith communities.

The approach to global climate change by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change and Catholic Bishops' Environmental Justice Program has been to focus on the themes of prudence, poverty and the common good, as well as Catholic Social Teaching. This module will expand and explore these principles and will have a strong emphasis on how climate change will impact the poor at home and abroad.

The 7-week program will draw out arguments for and against action and demonstrate—through both faith and science—the hazards to poor people of doing nothing.

This module will include action items for stopping further global warming (mitigation) and what will be needed to help the poor at home and abroad who will be most impacted by climate change (adaptation).

Sessions will cover:

- Catholic Theology on the Environment. Reflections on our place in and responsibility for God's creation. Voices on the theology of ecology and the implications for future generations.
- The Science of Climate Change. In the face of the consensus of the scientific community about climate change, how do we deal with fear, dread, and feelings of powerlessness?
- Climate change and the poor. Voices and experiences of the poor and marginalized focus on social justice connections, environmental racism and the impact on the poor.
- Border-crossing experience. An action, engagement, field trip, or immersion that sheds light on the implication of climate change and what we can do to address it. An opportunity to learn about our sources of energy and what is our local "carbon footprint."
- Where do we go from here? What actions are we committed to taking so that everyone can live in a sustainable future, strengthened by our faith community?

7-week program on Thursday evenings in the Community House begins October 11th
(space is limited)

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***JustMatters is a new and expanding series of formation materials that allows participants to spend 6 to 8 weekly or bi-weekly sessions focusing on a particular social justice topic. Future topics will also be offered at St. Frances Cabrini in 2007-2008.*