

TIME TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY

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A passion for justice, a desire for peace and a concern for the integrity of God's creation are all essential to the living out of the Gospel. They are not optional extras, but core components of Christian faith.

July is a wonderful month to appreciate the beauty of our planet Earth. It's a time to slow down, enjoy the harmony and fruitfulness of the natural world and take stock of what really matters to us. It can also be a time to plan for the Season of Creation. The season starts 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

This Season of Creation will also be a critical moment for Catholics to prepare to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf ahead of two important summits, the UN Summit on Biodiversity in China (COP 15) in October and the UN Climate Summit in November (COP 26).



SUPPORT THE WALKING RELAY TO COP26

The Young Christian Climate Network has already started a Relay from the G7 meeting in Cornwall in June to COP26 to show care for climate justice and God's creation. Ways to support include joining a stage of the walk or offering accommodation.



CAFOD SCHOOLS 'EYES OF THE WORLD'

The eyes of the world are on us this year as Britain hosts COP26. Over 12,000 young people have joined CAFOD's campaign, urging world leaders to take action on the climate crisis. Artwork of 'eyes' will be shown in Glasgow at COP26. Encourage your local schools to take part!



ACT IN THE SEASON OF CREATION

From Sept 1 to Oct 4, with the theme: 'A Home for All'. Start preparing now. Useful links here: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/environment/season-of-creation> and <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>.

Empowered by the truth preached by Jesus we can go out to evangelise,
confident in a Gospel that is good for ourselves,
the planet and future generations.
Amen.

Fr Charles Rue (Columban Missionary)

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