

Campaigns Update

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The Global Day of Action for Climate Justice Saturday 6 November

Will you join us in London on the Global Day of Action? We will be joining millions of people around the world who'll be out marching for climate justice on **Saturday 6 November from 11am.**

As world leaders gather for the COP26 climate talks, we'll be marching in London to let them know that urgent action is needed to keep global temperatures within 1.5°C and to ensure that meaningful support is given to the countries that have done the least to cause the climate crisis.



Come along with friends, family, or others from your parish to ensure that the Catholic community has a strong voice as part of the global call for climate justice. We'll be gathering at **St Mary Moorfields, 4-5 Eldon Street, London, EC2M 2LS** from 11am for reflection and prayers before joining the main march from the Bank of England. Register at **cafod.org.uk/dayofaction**

If you are closer to Glasgow than London, there will also be a large mobilisation there. Register at **cafod.org.uk/dayofaction** to let us know you are coming, and we'll let you know where you can meet other CAFOD supporters to march together.

Join us online on **Tuesday 9 November** to hear live from inside COP26. Our Director of Advocacy, Neil Thorns, will give a live update of developments. You can also join us on **Wednesday 17 November**, a few days after the conference ends, to hear about the outcomes. **Register now at cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks**

Pray as a parish for the success of COP26

As COP26 begins in Glasgow on 31 October we pray for those leaders who have an enormous responsibility for the world's people and our common home. We pray for a climate conference that truly delivers, keeping temperature rises below 1.5°C and putting the needs of marginalised communities right at the heart of these talks.

- ❖ Prayers of Intercession: Last month we sent you some prayers for your parish to use now, as COP26 starts, or next weekend as it is underway. If you haven't already, please pass them onto your priest. They are also online at cafod.org.uk/cop26intercessions
- Holy Rosary: Please share and pray this Climate Rosary in your parish or with family members: cafod.org.uk/climaterosary



❖ COP26 prayer cards: A letter was sent by the Bishops' Conference and CAFOD to your priest during October with a COP26 poster and 50 COP26 prayer cards. You can find the prayer online at cafod.org.uk/COP26

❖ COP26 bunting: We have a limited supply of this bunting, which can be used now or in the future as a visual reminder of the need to pray for our common home. Order from cafod.org.uk/shop OUR

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CAFOD 2021 Human Rights Day: Friday 10 December 6.30-8.30pm Register now for our online event

Human rights defenders help to keep governments and businesses in check, put people ahead of profits and protect our planet.

Yet, in return for their work, they face criminalisation, harassment and violence. Come along to our online Human Rights Day 2021 to learn about and celebrate the work of human rights defenders who are coming under attack and facing growing threats for protecting our common home. You will hear their inspiring life stories and struggles first-hand and find out what concrete actions we can take from here in the UK to stand in solidarity with them. **Register now at cafod.org.uk/HRD2021**

Faith leaders deliver COP26 message to Boris Johnson

On 18 October senior leaders from the UK's faith communities delivered a message to Number 10, telling the Prime Minister he is in a unique position to lead the world in tackling the climate crisis, as the UK hosts COP26. The message represented people of faith from all over the UK, including the 10,000 CAFOD supporters who have signed our petition this year and 33,000 young people who designed 'eyes of the world' illustrations to show that the world is watching Mr Johnson. Thank you for promoting our petition in your parish.



Parliament in your Parish was mentioned in Parliament!

In a response to a fellow MP, the Minister of State for Crime & Policing, Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP, said: "...on Friday, I had a meeting with representatives of CAFOD in my constituency, who urged me to follow the words of His Holiness and pursue our climate change ambitions. Out of that meeting came a pledge from me to hold a green summit in my constituency in the next few months, where we will bring people together to discuss what more we can do in beautiful North West Hampshire to make our contribution."



Meet Joe

Joe Savage is a 21-year-old CAFOD campaigner who will travel to Glasgow during the COP26 summit to demonstrate on the streets and pray with others for the success of the talks.

Why are you travelling to Glasgow with CAFOD during COP26? The Climate Crisis is a wakeup call to our planet. It has made us understand that we all have a role to play to combat climate change. I want to travel to Glasgow so that the voices of the local parish volunteers and school groups that I have met can be heard. When I return, I can give them a first-hand account of the impact their campaigning has had.

What are your hopes for COP26?

I hope that the world leaders who attend the conference will acknowledge the urgency of the crisis and the injustice that the most vulnerable people are those whose lives are being affected the most. I also hope that they will be inspired by the will of young people to take the required actions instead of producing yet more wishful targets and empty promises. We are living through difficult times and there is a great sense of concern about all our futures. However, we need to have faith in our abilities to collectively protect our common home.

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