

**St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocese
Global Warming Action Team
9/13/07 – 7-9PM
St. Joan of Arc**

AGENDA with meeting notes

- 1) Prayer – *see below the agenda/notes* – ***action items for you to do in red***

- 2) New coordinator intro – Deacon Glenn Skuta has volunteered to be the new OSJ representative on Global Climate Change (and environmental issues in general) and is now coordinating GWAT. His contact info is skuta@juno.com or cell 651/470-7572. Glenn has a full time job outside of GWAT/OSJ, and is working with GWAT/OSJ as a volunteer, so has limited time to dedicate, but will do his best to fill the role. Glenn is available to come to parishes to speak with clergy, staff, and/or parishioners on request about GWAT, etc.
Former GWAT coordinator Robin Linde is still participating in the team, but has moved on to another job. Robin – thank you for all of your hard work over the last year!!!

- 3) Steering Committee results – Small steering committee met this summer. Goals and approaches for the coming year are to *educate and advocate*.

Educate:

- GWAT will not be organizing a big event (like the Pax Christi event). Instead we will focus on publicizing events being put on by parishes, colleges, etc. **PLEASE PUBLICIZE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN YOUR CHURCH BULLETINS:**

September 21st 8:30-4:30 - The University of St. Thomas School of Law will host a symposium, **“Peace With Creation: Catholic Perspectives on Environmental Law”** at the UST Law School in downtown Minneapolis – cost is \$25
Archbishop Flynn is the Keynote Speaker
registration information from Jill Akervik at (651) 962-4855, or on-line at:
<http://www.stthomas.edu/law/news/headlines/Summer2007/Fall2007Symposium.html>

October 10th, 7:00 – 9:30 - **GLOBAL WARMING—A Planetary Emergency and What We Can Do About It**

Gladstone Fire Station, 1955 Clarence St, Maplewood
FREE, but call 651-249-2170 to register.

Dr. Mark Brown, Medtronic scientist with bioengineering PhD, will present the slide show that became the basis of Al Gore’s book and film, “An Inconvenient Truth.”

October 14, 2007, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Global Warming Solutions - A public forum with polar explorer Will Steger and J. Drake Hamilton from Fresh Energy
All Saints Catholic Church, 19795 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, Minnesota

October 30th 6:30pm to 8:30pm – **Creating a Legacy of Peace with the Earth**— with Will Steger, Arctic Explorer and J. Drake Hamilton from Fresh Energy
Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

- **Continue to promote the Minnesota Energy Challenge in your parishes** – a great tool to educate and spur people to action - <http://mnenergychallenge.org/> **Have your parish website link to it!**

Congratulations to the 3 Catholic Parishes in the Top 10 congregations on the website:

#1 - St. Joan of Arc – 354 people

#2 – Basilica of St. Mary – 167 people

#4 – Transfiguration – 50 people

Keys to these parishes doing well were tables with pledge cards after mass, pulpit promotion, pledge cards in pews, and classroom lessons/assignments.

GWAT is # 1 in the “Other” category – 94 people.

The #1 school is St. Michael School in Prior Lake – 113 people.

- Parish toolkit on the OSJ website will be enhanced – subteam of Bob Genovese, Fr. Pat Foley, and Glenn Skuta will address. But don't wait - **Use the parish toolkit now!!!**

<http://www.osjspm.org/globalwarmingparishtoolkit.aspx>

- **Use the USCCB “St. Francis Congregation” certification as a way to bring some structure to your parish environmental efforts** (we plan to link this to OSJ).

<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/certificate.shtml>

Advocate

- Attend OSJ Fall training events (a series of 3), and kickoff event:

September 20th – OSJ kickoff event – “Harvesting Justice in Our World”

7-9PM at Lumen Christi Catholic Community

RSVP to 651/291-4477 or osj@archspm.org

ATTEND THE OSJ training sessions all at 7-9PM:

(for a list of potential car poolers to these events, see at the end of this document)

October 15th - GWAT - "Developing a Values-Based Message"

OSJ Hayden Center, St. Paul

November 8th (west metro Most Holy Trinity, St. Louis Park) or **November 12th** (east metro at OSJ Hayden Center) - **"Putting your Messaging to Use in the Parish"**

December 3rd (west metro Most Holy Trinity, St. Louis Park) or **December 6th** (east metro at OSJ Hayden Center) - **"Building the Base in Your Parish"**

- 2008 legislative session agenda to be determined over the coming months

- sign up for a listserve to follow (and participate in) the Governor's MN Climate Change Advisory Group at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/councils/climatechange-listserv.html>

4) Call for a few volunteers to review and enhance "parish toolbox" – see above

5) Review schedule of information and training opportunities – see above

6) Where from here – attend OSJ trainings, watch for e-mail communications, and focus your energy on getting parish engagement in the issue! GWAT will likely re-convene after the New Year, after OSJ training sessions and Christmas, but before legislative session starts. Stay tuned!

Prayer and Pledge of Commitment:

(from USCCB)

To Protect and Heal God's Creation

We have come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We have come to help protect God's creation.

We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen to the "music of the universe"- water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.

Amen.

attendees who indicated attending West or East OSJ training sessions:

- W - Bob Genovese - robertgenovb@aol.com - St. Thomas (Minneapolis)
W - Barabara Lundbeck - barbara.e.bryant-lundbeck@wellsfago.com - St. Edward
W - Mary Dymond - maryd673@yahoo.com - St. Joan's
W - John Peschman - john.peschman@pandh.com - Risen Savior (Burnsville)
W - Fr. Pat Foley - patmax71@yahoo.com - St. Bridget's
W - Terry Ford - mtf825@hotmail.com - St. Joan's
W - Will Howard - williamhoward418@yahoo.com - All Saints (Lakeville)
W - Elizabeth Brown - efbrown@stthomas.edu
W - Judi and Peter H. - pjh8149@comcast.net - St. Edward
W - Gina Magnuson - ginamagnuson@comcast.net - St. Gerard's
W - Dana White - 1705 Archer Ct., Plymouth - St. Joan's
- E - Jim Fitzpatrick - Guardian Angels
E - Clarence Chaplin - chapoutdoors@msn.com - St. Joan's
E - Karen Olson - 2839 Southlawn, Maplewood, 55109 - Srs. of St. Joseph
E - Sherri Juenemann - juenbug@usfamily.com - St. Francis Cabrini
E - Kris Kramer - kramerdbkm@visi.com
E - Jean Diekmann - jmdiekmann@netzero.com - St. Joan's
E - Tom Dimoch and Betsy Conrad - tdimoch@bitstream.net - St. Stan's
E - Glenn Skuta - skuta@juno.com - Transfiguration/OSJ