

Reducing CO²: First Steps

These simple steps make a difference:

1. Visit www.mnenergychallenge.org to assess personal CO² emissions and track efforts to reduce them.
2. Install 5 compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs).
3. Install a programmable thermostat.
4. Drive fewer miles by combining trips, walking, biking, or taking public transportation.
5. Take legislative action by joining the Environmental Stewardship Team's advocacy network. Call 651-291-4477 to be added to the list.

Websites to Watch

- *Office for Social Justice*
www.osjspm.org/globalwarming
- *U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*
www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/climate/
- *Congregations Caring for Creation*
www.c3mn.net
- *MN Energy Challenge*
www.mnenergychallenge.org
- *Intergov't. Panel on Climate Change*
www.ipcc.com
- *Fresh Energy*
www.fresh-energy.org
- *Will Steger Foundation*
www.globalwarming101.com
- *MN Pollution Control Agency*
www.moea.state.mn.us/energy
- *Union of Concerned Scientists*
www.ucsusa.org

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM WEBSITE:

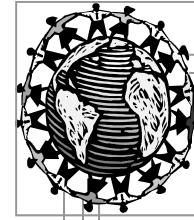
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If you would like more information or
would like to join, please contact:

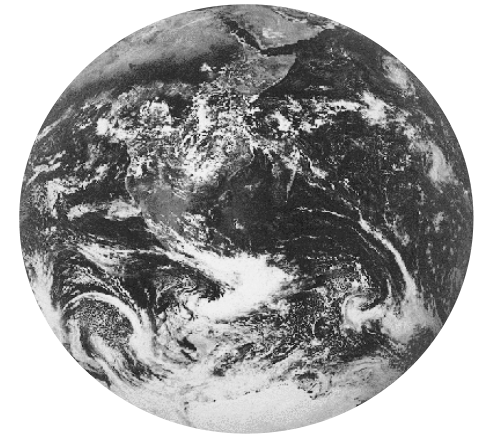
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*At its core, global climate change
is not about economic theory
or political platforms,
nor about partisan advantage
or interest group pressures.*

*It is about the future of God's
creation and the one human family.*

U.S. Conference of
Catholic Bishops



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Why This, Why Now?

Global warming is REAL, and human beings are contributing to it.

The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) accepted this assertion as fact in their 2001 pastoral, *Global Climate Change: A Call for Prudence, Dialogue, and the Common Good*.

We CAN do something about it.

The science of climate change is complex, but the strategy for curbing it is not. We must reduce carbon dioxide (CO²) levels in the atmosphere. This needs to be done in multiple ways, from personal choices to state and federal legislation. The technology already exists and the political will is building.



JOIN the Environmental Stewardship Team!

The Call of Faith

The Catholic faith teaches care for the poor and care for creation. The world's poor are vulnerable to grave, disproportionate consequences as global warming disrupts the climate. As stewards of God's creation, we are responsible for passing on God's gift to future generations.

The Environmental Stewardship Team is comprised of people from dozens of parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Together, we are implementing a shared strategy for addressing global warming at home, in parishes, and through public policy. The Environmental Stewardship Team is a place to find resources, support, and collaboration. We prioritize actions that are specific and lead to measurable results.

The Environmental Stewardship Team is sponsored by Catholic Charities' Office for Social Justice.

Please Join Us!

Working alongside community partners, such as the interfaith network *Congregations Caring for Creation*, we believe we can contribute significantly to reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Success requires us to deepen our experience of the common good and develop new skills for active citizenship. Our journey is prayerful and action-oriented.

Global warming is an important issue for the state of Minnesota and the entire human family. As a faith community, we take seriously the threat that global warming presents and seek to participate in the solutions.

Archbishop Harry Flynn's statement to the State House and Senate - January 30, 2007