

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please note that you may also register online at [www.osjspm.org/globalwarming](http://www.osjspm.org/globalwarming)*

**Yes! I will be attending the Global Climate Change Forum & Kick—Off Event on October 29, 2006**

**Mail Completed Form to: Office for Social Justice**  
328 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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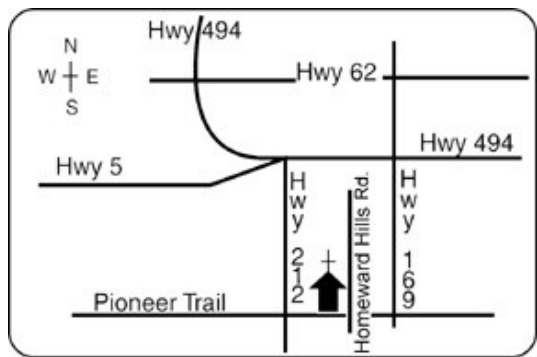
**PLEASE R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25. Thank you!**

**Directions to Pax Christi Church**  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55437

From 494 take Highway 169 south for 3 miles. Turn right (west) on Pioneer Trail and follow for 1.7 miles.

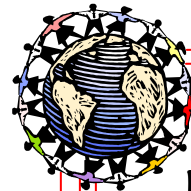
Pax Christi is on the northwest corner of the intersection of Pioneer Trail and Homeward Hills Road.

Once at Pax Christi, follow signs to the event!



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**GLOBAL WARMING:  
A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**



**FORUM &  
KICK-OFF EVENT:**

**Sunday, October 29, 2006  
12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Pax Christi Church**  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie

**FREE ADMISSION**

**FEATURING:**

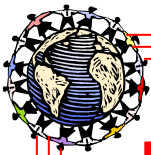
**Paul Douglas**  
WCCO Meteorologist and  
Co-Founder, Digital Cyclone

**Dr. John Hart**  
Environmental Theologian,  
Boston University

**Will Steger**  
Arctic Explorer

*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.*

- Pope John Paul II



# GLOBAL WARMING: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

## Featured Speakers

### Paul Douglas

is the chief meteorologist at WCCO-TV in Minneapolis. He is the author of two books, *Prairie Skies* and *Restless Skies*, and co-founded Digital Cyclone, which has developed weather applications for the wireless market. He received a Bachelor's degree in Meteorology from Pennsylvania State University.

### John Hart, Ph. D.

Professor of Christian Ethics at Boston University, Dr. Hart has authored four books on environmental theology, including his latest, *Sacramental Commons*. He directed the Midwestern Catholic Bishops' Heartland Project, and was principal writer of their pastoral, *Strangers and Guests: Toward Community in the Heartland* (1980). Dr. Hart drafted Pope John Paul II's homily on land stewardship and was a Member of the Delegation of the International Indian Treaty Council to the U.N. International Human Rights Commission. His doctorate is from the Union Theological Seminary, NY.

### Will Steger

Expedition leader, team member, educator, polar explorer, photographer, writer and lecturer, Will Steger is a voice for the understanding and preservation of the Arctic and the Earth. He led the first confirmed dogsled journey to the North Pole without re-supply (1986), the 1600 mile south-north traverse of Greenland, the historic 3,471 mile International Trans-Antarctica Expedition (the first dogsled traverse of Antarctica), and the International Arctic Project. Steger has received numerous honors, including the National Geographic Society's John Oliver La Gorce Medal.

## Agenda

- 1:00 Welcome**  
**Opening Prayer**  
**Blessing**
- 1:15 Global Warming in MN**  
*Paul Douglas, WCCO Meteorologist*
- 1:35 Global Warming:**  
**An Explorer's Story**  
*Will Steger, Arctic Explorer*
- 2:05 Melting Glaciers, Burning Farms:**  
**Global Warming & Catholic Faith**  
*Dr. John Hart, Theologian, Boston University*
- 3:05 Toward Change: Steps for People,**  
**Institutions, & Public Policy**  
*J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director,  
Fresh Energy*
- 3:20 Action for Change**  
*Robin Linde, Outreach Coordinator,  
Archdiocesan Global Warming Action Team*
- 3:35 Closing Prayer**  
**Information Tables**  
**Breakout Groups**

**You are invited to stay for mass at 5 pm.**

*The common good requires solidarity with the poor, who are often without the resources to face many problems, including the potential impacts of climate change.*

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

## Why This, Why Now?

*Global warming is changing our climate and is impacting our natural systems. There is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities. If temperature readings and precipitation continue to increase within the next century, Minnesota might soon feel and look more like Missouri.*

—from *Global Warming and Climate Change in Minnesota*, a joint publication of the MN Office of Environmental Assistance, the MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Department of Commerce and MN Department of Natural Resources

## The Archdiocesan Response

In Spring 2006, the Archdiocesan Office for Social Justice (OSJ) began a partnership with Congregations Caring for Creation (C3), an interfaith environmental advocacy organization. Together we are proud to host *Global Warming: A Catholic Perspective*. This event signals the beginning of the Archdiocesan Global Warming Action Team, which will develop a strategic advocacy plan to address global warming at home, in our parishes, and through public policy.

## Parish Resources

Register for the event and download reflections, bulletin announcements, and other global warming resources for parishes at:

[www.osjspm.org/globalwarming](http://www.osjspm.org/globalwarming)

(You may also register by sending in the form on back.)

## Websites to Watch

**Office for Social Justice:** [www.osjspm.org](http://www.osjspm.org)  
**Congregations Caring for Creation:** [www.c3mn.org](http://www.c3mn.org)  
**Will Steger Foundation:** [www.globalwarming101.com](http://www.globalwarming101.com)  
**Intergov't. Panel on Climate Change:** [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch)  
**MN Pollution Control Agency:**  
[www.moea.state.mn.us/energy](http://www.moea.state.mn.us/energy)  
**Fresh Energy:** [www.fresh-energy.org](http://www.fresh-energy.org)  
**MN Energy Challenge:** [www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org)