



# GLOBAL WARMING: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE FORUM & KICK-OFF EVENT

Sunday, October 29, 2006

12:30 p.m.— 4:00p.m. **FREE ADMISSION**

Pax Christi Church, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie

## AGENDA

- 12:30 Information Tables and Music
- 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, Polar 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 5:00 pm.

## 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.

## REGISTRATION

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

**Please complete this form and send to:** Office for Social Justice 328 West Kellogg Blvd St. Paul, MN 55102

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 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)

### 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)

*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

### 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!

