

We are called to take an active role in society through non-governmental organizations and intermediate groups, to put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Unless citizens control political power it will not be possible to control damage to the environment. ¶ 179 Laudato Si' On Care of Our Common Home

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Links to Resources (September 2019)

1. **Let us Care for Our Common Home** (Sept 2019) This is a timely and welcome statement on the occasion of Global Climate Action Day September 27, 2019 and the Canadian federal elections October 21, 2019 from the Quebec Assembly of Catholic Bishops.
https://evequescatholiques.quebec/sn_uploads/CES---Let-Us-Care-For-Our-Common-Home-2019.pdf
2. **Reflections on Catholic Climate Advocacy (Aug 2019)** Joe Gunn, Director of the *Centre Oblat – A Voice for Justice*, has assembled some wonderful resources and reflections on raising our faithful voices on climate.
https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/faithcommongood/pages/741/attachments/original/1568924929/Reflections_of_Joe_Gunn_on_Catholic_Advocacy.pdf?1568924929
3. **Preparatory Document for the Synod for the Amazon** (2019) from the Segreteria Generale del Sinodo dei Vescovi, this excellent document lays the groundwork for the Synod on the Amazon following the guidelines “see, judge, act” and gives us insights into Pope Francis’ reasons for having this important discussion.
<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/06/08/180608a.html>

4. **Pope on climate crisis: Time is running out, decisive action needed** (June 2019) text and 3.15 minute audio recording from Vatican Radio of Pope Francis' declaration of a climate emergency. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-06/pope-declares-climate-emergency.html>
5. **Pope backs carbon pricing to stem global warming and appeals to deniers**, (June 2019) Reuters, article <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-oil-vatican-conference/pope-backs-carbon-pricing-to-stem-global-warming-and-appeals-to-deniers-idUSKCN1TF1IE>
6. **The Hope within Us**, (2018) A Report on Climate Change by the Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue in Canada https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/the_hope_within_us_2018.pdf
7. **Declaration of the Holy See Delegation to the 24th Session of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change** (Dec 2018) Vatican statement to the UN Conference of the Parties, 24 in Katowice, Poland as published by Zenit.org. <https://zenit.org/articles/final-declaration-of-the-holy-see-delegation-at-the-24th-session-of-the-united-nations-climate-change-conference-cop24/>
8. **A Church Seeking Justice: The Challenge of Pope Francis to the Church in Canada** (2015) This CCCB resource explores Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis' call to act for justice, while connecting these to Canadian issues such as climate change and murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. <https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/184-902.pdf>
9. **On Promoting Climate Justice and Ending Poverty in Canada - Faith Communities in Canada Speak Out** (Sept 2015) An important statement from the Canadian Council of Churches of which the Canadian Catholic Bishops are joint signatories. <https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Faith-Communities-in-Canada-Speak-Out-EN.pdf>