

Catholic Care for Creation Earth Day Event

Archdiocesan Day of Activity, Reflection & Prayer



Activities to move forward after Earth Day

Personal:

- Engage in an environmental or corporal work of mercy: www.amercamagazine.org/issue/pope-calls-new-work-mercy-care-environment.
- Take a walk in a park or just sit and become aware of God's other creatures around you.
- Have a yard? Check Lawns to Legumes to provide pollinators for more healthy food, or plant a rain garden to avoid water run-off into storm sewers, or help clean-up roadways or walkways in your neighborhood.
- Purchase local food, go to www.minnesotagrown.com to find information, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) drop-offs and markets near you.

Community:

- Encourage your parish community to do an energy, or if they have completed one, select something from the list to reduce carbon footprint.
- Encourage someone from your parish to join the Care for Creation group.
- Join a public community-wide effort to allow native plants to thrive by eliminating invasive species like buckthorn or wild parsnip.
- Help a community effort to clean up the nearest watercourse.
- Organize a group at your parish to study *Laudato Si*.

Minnesota:

- Contact your Senator and Representative to pass a Clean Energy First bill (there is one in both houses now). This needs your help.
- Contact the MPCA to continue forward progress on rules to increase sales of electric vehicles in Minnesota. Vehicles cause 25% of carbon emissions.
- Also encourage the MPCA to halt progress on the 401 permit that allows Line 3 to cross sensitive wild rice waters and wetlands. This would cause tar sands oil, countering any possible reduction in emissions.