

Catholic Youth & Young Adults Act on Climate

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Prayer – Youth Climate Strike

Creator, Giver of Life, Divine Love

In these days young people speak the prophetic word– “life”– to all the world.

Crossing borders and languages, cultures and traditions,
they unite in a growing movement to preserve life on this planet, our common home.

As we engage in climate actions we call upon Your Holy Spirit for the celebrations, strikes and marches;

We call upon Your wisdom in teach-ins and vigils;

We call upon Your transformative power to change hearts, and change of systems, towards love and compassion.

As the young people of this world lead us to a living future,

may we follow them, together with You,

with courage and determination

until Your loving dream of right relation in, and with all creation is made real in our time.

In the name of all that is holy,

Amen.

- adapted from a prayer by Jennifer Henry, [KAIROS Canada](#)



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Your Participation

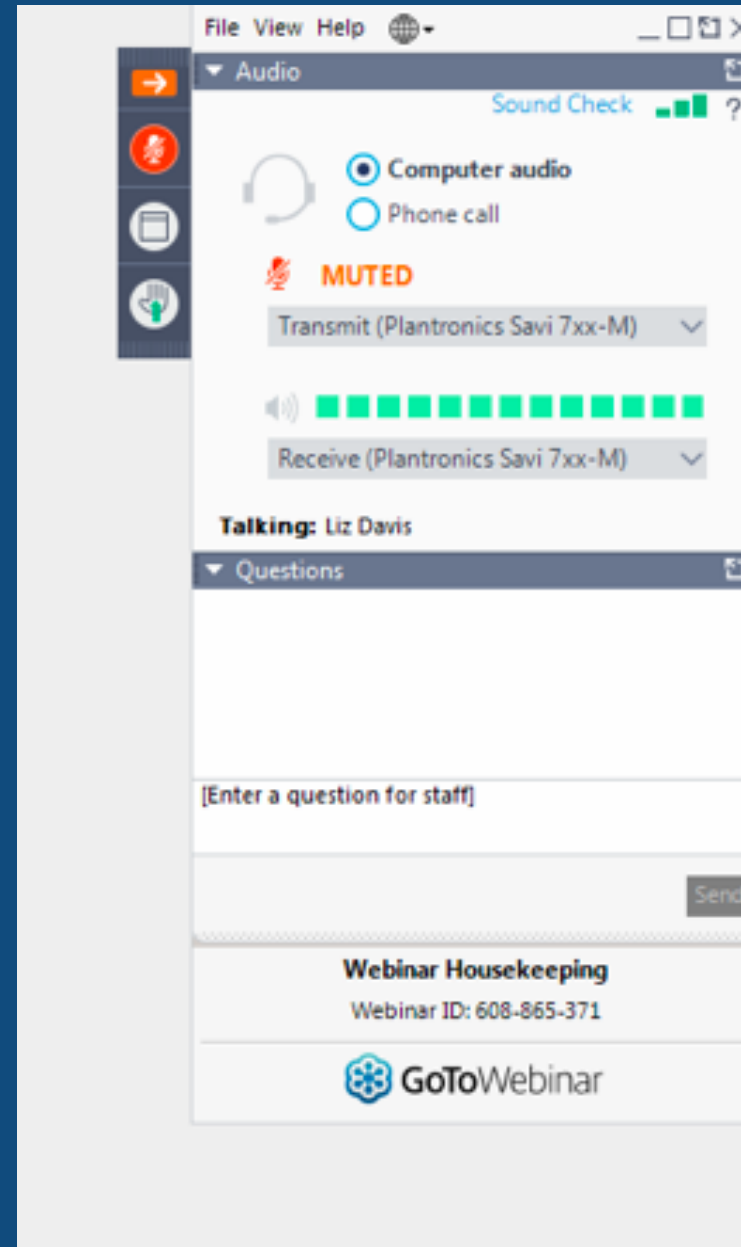
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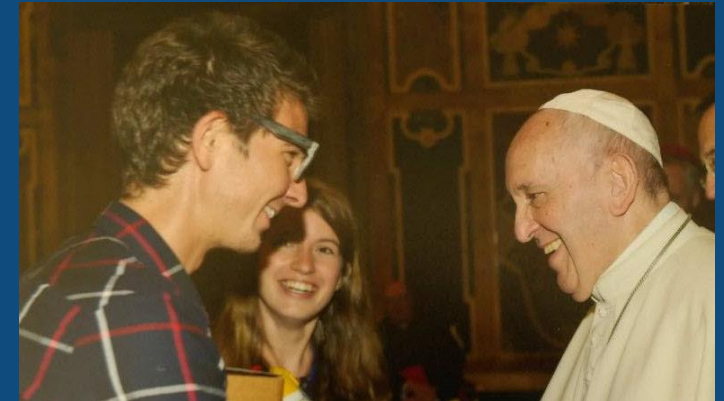
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Climate Rally Prayer Service

Build relationships with schools



4 Weeks Before: Send invitation to schools

ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

- FLYER
 - LOCATION AND TIME DETAILS
 - LETTER TO PRINCIPLE OUTLINING CHURCH'S STANCE
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3 Weeks Before: Follow Up with No Responses



3 Weeks Before: Invite interested teachers to conference call

- HELPED CREATE SCHEDULE OF EVENT
 - VOLUNTEERED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE
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Two weeks before:
deadline for teachers to
nominate student
participants

USE TO CREATE FINAL PROGRAM

Day of Prayer Service

- ONLY STUDENTS SPOKE
- HAD STUDENT LEADER FACILITATE PRAYER SERVICE
- RALLIED WITH ADULTS BEFORE WALKING TO MARCH STARTING POINT



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University Civic Engagement Model

- Participating actively in public life, public problem-solving and community service
- Assuming leadership and membership roles in organizations
- Developing empathy, ethics, values and a sense of social responsibility
- Promoting social justice locally and globally



Engaging Higher Education: Purpose, Platforms and Programs for Community Engagement,
by Marshall Welch

University Civic Engagement Best Practices:

- Foster a civic ethos across all parts of campus
- Make civic literacy a core expectation for all students
- Practice civic inquiry across all fields of study
- Advance civic action through transformative partnerships

“A Crucible Moment: College Learning and Democracy’s Future”
2010 National Task Force on Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement



Local Partnering and Coalition Building

- OTOC (local IAF Affiliate)
- Citizens Climate Lobby
- Faculty/Staff
- St John's
- Laudato Si Conference attendees



Embedding in Experiential Learning

- Community Orientations
- Service and Justice Trips
- Weekly Service





LAUDATO SI' GENERATION

**Catholic youth and young adults on climate
action**

25 february 2020

OUR HISTORY

- World Youth Day Panama 2019
- LS Generation is the youth branch of Global Catholic Climate Movement
- Connecting groups, movements, and organizations of young Catholics around the world
- Mobilizing for climate justice, calling the Church and the world to action.
- Motivating the world to LIVE *Laudato Si'*



OUR INSPIRATION





“The climate crisis requires
“our decisive action, here and
now” (cf *Laudato Si'*, 161)

Greta: I urge you to join the
climate strike. We will
continue to fight until the
politicians do something...



August 2018

SKOLSTREJK
FÖR
KLIMATET





Young people and their allies around the world are organizing climate strikes on Fridays. Young people are standing up to take back the future. Supported by teachers, parents, and pastors, the message is clear: climate justice can't wait.

Resources

Use free resources to plan and promote your strike.

[Get free resources](#)

Laudato Si' Generation abides by Catholic social teaching, including a commitment to racial justice. Please refrain from using these materials in events that do not reflect the spirit of Laudato Si'.

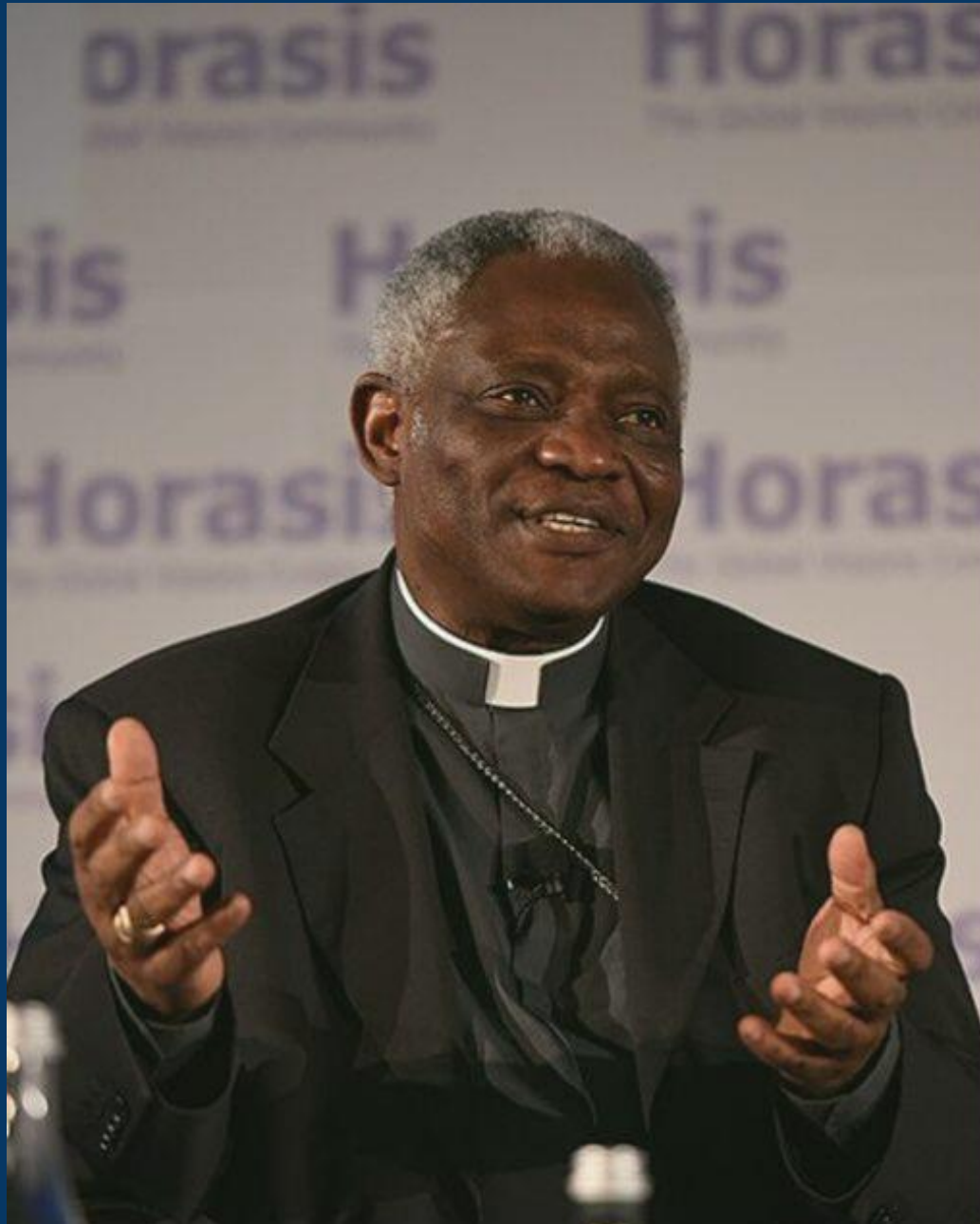
OUR CALL

We call on bishops and clerical leaders to accelerate the churchwide implementation of *Laudato Si'* by:

- Fostering ongoing ecological conversion in all parishes and by all faithful
- Promoting a conversion of lifestyles to simplicity and sustainability
- Adopting ethical investment guidelines driving assets away from fossil fuels and companies that support them
- Empowering young people to lead creation care programs



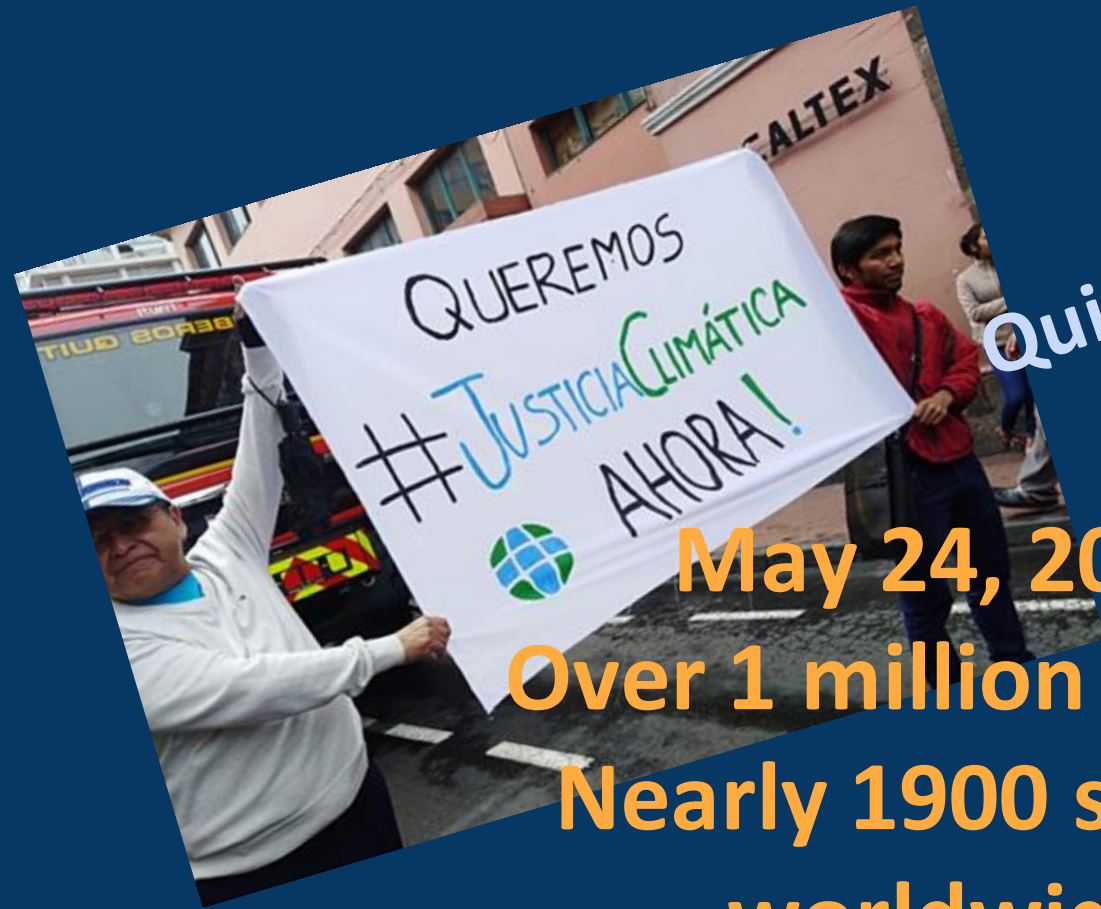
**Read the full manifesto:
laudatosigeneration.org/our-call/**



**Laudato Si' Generation
challenges
communities of faith
and civil society to a
radical ecological
conversion in action.**

**- Cardinal Peter
Turkson**

Global Climate strikes



Quito, Ecuador

May 24, 2019

Over 1 million people

Nearly 1900 strikes

worldwide

LSG presence on all

continents



Trinidad and Tobago



Grenada



Washington



Nigeria



Argentina

Courage is surely required, therefore, in responding to “the increasingly desperate cries of the earth and its poor.” Pope Francis



Panama City



Cebu, Philippine



Trinidad and
Tobago; grenada
March, may,
September



SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

**Over 320 Catholic Climate Strikes
Around the globe**

New York City

**Argentina
Argentina
Argentina**

Ecuador

Australia

Philippines

Mexico

OUR STATEMENT



We're the young Catholics of the Laudato Si' Generation, and we'll inherit the Earth older generations leave us. This Earth could offer a rich heritage, bright with promise, but it has not been protected. We are scared and, motivated by a sense of urgency, we need your help. We call on all those in the Church to stand with us. March to your town's park or government center, or set aside time for public prayer. However you take action, make sure you carry signs and banners so others know that Catholics stand together for a clean, safe future. We're counting on you.

future generations stand to inherit a greatly spoiled world. Our children and grandchildren should not have to pay the cost of our generation's irresponsibility. Indeed, as is becoming increasingly clear, young people are **calling for change** (*Laudato Si'*, 13).

Pope Francis, Address to energy and oil execs, June 14, Vatican

Your involvement

1. Support divestment initiatives
2. Talk to your pastor/bishop
3. Visit the LSGEN [Resources page](#)
4. Visit [Catholic partners page](#)
5. Join LSGen working group calls
6. Read *laudato si'*



And yes, we do need hope, of course we do. But the one thing we need more than hope is action. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere...everything needs to change, and it must happen today.

Greta Thunberg, TedX, Nov. 2018

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Questions ?



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Closing Prayer

A Prayer For our earth