



Preparing for Pope Francis's Encyclical:
Caring for Creation
and the Poorest Among Us

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As we remember our theme, **PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S CREATION**, on our day of fasting and prayer on Friday, March 11, 2016, we celebrate Pope Francis's Ecological Encyclical through a reflection that invites us to action as we care for creation and the poorest among us.

Pope Francis is gearing up to release his Papal Encyclical on the environment this summer. For more information see the October 11, 2015 document.



FAITH IN ACTION

- As you prepare for Pope Francis' encyclical on Creation, take some time to appreciate the beauty of God's gift of Creation.
- Hold a group discussion in your parish to discuss how people of faith can act together to protect both the environment and create new models of development and lifestyles that are both climate compatible and bring people out of poverty.
- View the YouTube Video: **Doctor Ann Marie Mealey on Creation**
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Climate-reflections>
- Catholic Social Thought calls us to take responsibility for the way we care for the earth. Reflect on your responsibility as a Christian to care for the world that God has made. Refer to Education for Justice's resource: "[*10 Things You Can do to Care for the Earth*](#)" for ways that you can make a difference.