

Earth Day 2020: Some Actions to Care for our Common Home



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an option or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

(Pope Francis. Laudato Si)

Determine your carbon footprint. (www.footprintcalculator.org)

Avoid using disposable plastic bottles, bags, straws, cutlery and cups.
Say NO to single-use plastic.

Walk, cycle, carpool or use public transport.

Create a tree-saving home by

- replacing paper napkins with cloth napkins.
- replacing paper towels with a special set of towels or rags.
- creating and using note pads from once-used paper.
- making your own greeting cards from once used products.
- using the library, neighborhood little free libraries, or used bookstore.



Plant a tree and/or a vegetable garden. Plant pollinator-friendly flowers.

Build a bin to compost leaves and food waste.

Cut back on water consumption: Limit shower length. Create a "Spokanescape."

Go meatless on Mondays – or consider becoming a vegetarian or vegan.

Wash clothes in cold water and hang-dry clothes.

Reuse, recycle to lower consumption of resources. Buy only what you need.

Support youth-led climate movements.

Participate in public witness events that lift up care for creation.

Join St. Aloysius Parish Caring for Creation Committee.

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Speak to or write elected officials on climate change issues.

Pray for our common home and all who work to protect it.

Let us pray:

O creator, give us a deep sense of our place in this web of creation.
Give us the wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will in the world today.
Inspire us to respond to the call to live in solidarity with all creation. Amen.

(Education for Justice)