



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement



March 16, 2015: Join the Lenten Fast for Climate Justice with American Catholics

“Today, this selfish attitude has taken on Global Proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians need to confront. When the people of God are converted to his love, they find answers to questions that history continually raises.”

In his message for Lent 2015 entitled “Make your hearts firm,” Pope Francis appeals to each Christian who has yet to confront indifference that has taken on a global scale. Global temperatures in 2014 were the highest on record, and scientific consensus has specifically linked this to the unprecedented levels of greenhouse gas emissions from unchecked human industry. Considering how the poor are disproportionately impacted by climate shifts, nowhere is such globalized indifference as recognizable.

We need unity on the threat posed by the Climate Crisis. In order to confront this “globalization of indifference,” The [Global Catholic Climate Covenant](#) has formed a coalition of more than 45 countries to take part in a [40-day Lenten Fast for Climate Justice](#), from Ash Wednesday, February 18, to March 28th.

The movement chose fasting for its first worldwide action because, “Pope Francis made it clear from the start that all people need to act as ‘protectors of creation.’ We encourage Catholics around the world to unite, pray and fast in solidarity with those who are most affected by the changing global climate,” stated Patrick Carolan, Executive Director of the U.S. based Franciscan Action Network. On each day of Lent, a different host country will engage in one leg of GCCM’s 40-day fast. Individuals engaging in the fast encourages participants to fast from both food as well as the use of oil, electricity, plastic, paper, water, and toxins during Lent. The U.S. leg of the fast is March 16th.

Sign up to for the United States led fast on March 16th [here](#).

Yeb Saño, the Climate Commissioner from the Philippines, captured the world’s attention with his own fast during U.N. meetings following Typhoon Haiyan. He stated: “The power behind fasting lies in its purity of purpose and the sense of selflessness necessary to embark on fasting. This is the power of the fast—because it is meant for our aspirations of a better world.” Join GCCM in fasting for a better world!

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