

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - NOVEMBER 2025

A NEWSLETTER INSPIRING AND ENABLING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

NEWS AND EVENTS

COP 30 Belem, Brazil; 10th-21st November.

COPs, (The Conference of the Parties) is the annual meeting for all participants, countries and other interested parties, under the auspices of the United Nations. This year is very important.

10 years ago, an agreement was reached in Paris where all parties agreed to take action to limit global warming to less than 2C and aiming for 1.5C, by the end of the century. One of the major new ideas, which helped to get the agreement, in Paris, was that each country would produce its own 5-year plan, known as Nationally Determined Contributions in 2015, these indicated that warming would rise to over 3.4C). Also built into the Paris Agreement is the idea that every 5 years countries would submit new ambitions, hopefully improving previous targets and reducing fossil fuel emissions, thus improving the overall situation. ***This 'Global Stocktake' will take place this year.***

In addition to this stocktake, discussions continue on finance for adaptation and mitigation. Sadly, this is linked with the Global Debt crisis, because most of the support for the poorest countries has been given in loans, not grants, exacerbating the debt problems for the most vulnerable.

Actions:

Please write to your MP about this, and also sign the CAFOD letter to Ed Miliband, the Minister responsible. More information can be had at **cafod.org**; and **<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop30>** Please pray for the success of this COP.

Thursday November 6th is the International Day for the Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. For more information visit **<https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-in-war-protection-day>**

LIVE SIMPLY

It's not too late to plant spring bulbs. Spend time observing the changes in late Autumn. (I'm still picking apples).

LIVE SUSTAINABLY

Plan ahead for Christmas. Resist the frenzy of buying stuff which only gets discarded. Look at CAFOD's World Gifts catalogue.

LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

Pray for all victims of war and conflict. Pray for the success of the COP. Read the Papal Exhortation *Dilexi Te* and respond to its call to have care for the poor and most vulnerable, especially those affected most by the Climate Crisis.

BECOME A LIVESIMPLY PARISH

Archbishop Bernard, and the Diocesan Care for Creation Committee, have called for parishes and schools to take on this Award. Our schools have responded, but not as many parishes have registered.

To achieve this award, administered by CAFOD, you will need a small planning group. You choose your own targets, three each under the headings of Living Simply, Living Sustainably and Living in Solidarity.

Register with CAFOD, who are very helpful with advice, keep records, and when you have completed your chosen actions CAFOD will check. Then celebrate the Award!

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>

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