



**Bulletin: November 18**

Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others…. We can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’*)

**SIMPLE ACTION STEP**

Plastic pollution is hurting our economy and our environment. Even worse, a substantial portion of the plastic made in the U.S. uses natural gas -- further exacerbating harmful climate effects and providing a rationalization for continued drilling and fracking.

The good news is that a number of businesses, local governments, and entire nations have taken actions to ban, limit, or place fees on single-use plastics. Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, recently committed to phase out all single-use plastic bags.

Let’s encourage Albertsons, the second largest chain and owner of stores such as Safeway, Shaws, and ACME, to do the same. Kroger has reported they use 6 billion bags per year. If we could get Albertsons to take similar action, based on the sales comparison of the two companies, we would eliminate another approximately 3 billion bags per year.

(Taken from: Kelli Soto, *Daily Kos*, Oakland, CA, 94612)

If you agree, control/click on the link below to sign the petition (if you are accessing the bulletin online). [**Sign the petition and call on Albertsons to put the wellness of the planet first and eliminate their single-use plastics.**](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/mpss/c/AgE/ni0YAA/t.2mf/Hkg4VY8ITTKcpn5BetnW2Q/h5/WQ-2BlIwq7W2eCmkkcwbDiBV0Frf8aO-2BhheoIczpshG3AsX5ci-2BFzIKGCDeNW2-2FGzsKNSVTvE-2BCHz-2BB-2F4N-2Fcx20eBCo7GM4jFppEAZCTQtfcjPUBWMsvmWceZRY7DEXVVYoIUFFjLFpZujrD21ZelgsG7LTABxV9c0664hRbfu4aEJl6WgehCipQuwRZVbTlTbPUQOfod-2BUisfCVF6ccpXXE3C9PK2T8NWm3Hc4-2B191orcEJvkhr-2FkpyqRouhbpcxGgL-2BGDaQK7DQ0d3dHIbpb8iKh-2FGZrEciUMCgxiAJLO0qs21wfENhFW-2FH5Kr0PAFwj-2BEBRWI08KTimr-2BMa2Yq3NDlY6a4EC-2FeovKbScWJZ6YTbhQcFhpUQRG2VGK1fCESdNFv9N945PnGzjmfOZuKuQYHIqwSblTewp9Cca4CzccU-3D)You can also type the URL [Sign the petition: Urge Albertsons to eliminate single-use plastics](https://r.search.yahoo.com/_ylt%3DAwrEeBnK7OlbT2AAstkPxQt.%3B_ylu%3DX3oDMTByOHZyb21tBGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNlYwNzcg--/RV%3D2/RE%3D1542085962/RO%3D10/RU%3Dhttps%3A//www.care2.com/news/member/100041282/4124652/RK%3D2/RS%3Dro3vzsR.47FjGF1wRYEP2XNSk1k-) into your browser’s address bar. It will only take a minute.

As of November 12th, 91,294 signatures have been collected.

**Thanks for being a steward of our common home!**

**Bulletin: November 25**

**A Prayer by Pope Francis ~**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice love and peace.

**Join with our Social Justice Committee on the 1st Sunday each month after the 11:00 Mass and/or in the activities we will be presenting to you as we move forward with our work.**