



## STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH *All of God's Creation*

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### *Lenten Actions for a More Sustainable Future*

Lent is an opportune time to take account of our actions that might be contributing to an unsustainable future for generations now and to come. **One small concrete step can make a difference.**

A **Guide to Being a Clean Energy Advocate in 2024** presented by Clean Jobs for Pennsylvania provides some ways we can contribute to positively impact the environment that we all share.

**Stay Informed:** Knowledge is power. Keep yourself updated on the latest clean energy developments, climate policies, and environmental news. Follow trusted sources and stay curious. [The Stewards of Our Earth columns are one way to stay informed. You can also check out the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) which provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.]

**Support Renewable Initiatives:** Embrace renewable energy solutions. Consider adopting solar panels, supporting wind energy projects, or simply reducing your carbon footprint at home.

**Advocate for Policy Change:** Your voice matters. Engage with your local representatives and advocate for stronger clean energy policies. Join campaigns and participate in discussions for a greener future. [The Stewards of Our Earth columns frequently offer opportunities to take quick action by simply clicking on a link. Links are clickable in the column on the Holy Cross website and in the church Flocknote you receive by email.]

**Educate Others:** Spread the word. Share your knowledge about clean energy with friends and family. Encourage sustainable practices and inspire others to take action.

**Join Clean Energy Groups:** Connect with like-minded individuals. Join clean energy organizations, attend eco-friendly events, and be part of a community dedicated to positive change. (Clean Jobs for Pennsylvania, 1/5/24)

A local event you may want to consider attending is **EcoPhilly's annual conference on Saturday February 24th**, from 8:30-12:30 at St. Thomas of Villanova Chapel, 1229 E. Lancaster Ave., Rosemont PA 19010. EcoPhilly is an archdiocesan initiative sponsored by Archbishop Pérez, and Holy Cross Church is a member. Come and hear about the challenges and successes in protecting God's creation, learn about conserving energy, enhancing biodiversity, lobbying for state and city initiatives, and more! The conference is free, and lunch is provided. You can register at [info@EcoPhilly.org](mailto:info@EcoPhilly.org).

"Despite the many negotiations and agreements, global emissions continue to increase. Certainly, it could be said that, without those agreements, they would have increased even more. Still, in other themes related to the environment, when there was a will, very significant results were obtained, as was the case with the protection of the ozone layer. Yet, **the necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels, is not progressing at the necessary speed.** Consequently, whatever is being done risks being seen only as a ploy to distract attention." (Pope Francis, [Laudate Deum](#), 55)

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