



STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH All of God's Creation

Social Justice Committee

Advocacy for Our Common Home

"We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels -- especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas -- needs to be progressively replaced without delay."
-- Pope Francis, Laudato Si #165

"This week more than 800 Catholics around the country have committed to participate in the **Encounter for Our Common Home climate advocacy campaign**. You may amplify their message to senators [here](#).

We are asking U.S. senators to support \$555 billion in climate investments that were passed by the House of Representatives in the legislative package known as Build Back Better. These include tax incentives for clean energy technology innovation, investments in climate resiliency for communities most at risk from harms of a warming planet, and other incentives to decarbonize and strengthen the economy at the same time.

The latest [report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) (IPCC) reaffirms that we must dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions to prevent the most catastrophic impacts of climate change upon our common home and future. Renewable energy reduces reliance on destabilizing petrostates and must be a significant energy source for a peaceable future. We are tragically reminded that Russia's aggression against Ukraine is funded by profits from the export of oil and gas." (Sisters of Mercy Justice Team, May 3, 2022)

In honor of **International Mother Earth Day**, Colleen Dauerbach, SSJ, invites us to action with their partners on the Weaver's Way Environment Committee. They will be **recycling electronics on Saturday, May 14th** from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. near the Earth Center Building at Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Ave. The suggested donation is \$10-\$20 which will support Weaver's Way Environment Committee's projects.

And In case you missed this news, "Pennsylvania just took a historic step to fight climate change, allowing the state to finally participate in the **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)**, cut carbon emissions from power plants, and increase investments in clean air and the clean energy economy. **This is the first time that Pennsylvania has limited greenhouse gas emissions in any sector of the economy.**

Under RGGI, carbon dioxide emissions from fossil-fueled power plants in Pennsylvania initially will be capped at 78 million tons per year, with a significant annual reduction over the lifetime of the program. Power plants purchase allowances for CO2 emissions, which will result in up to \$1 billion in annual investments depending on allowance prices. These proceeds will provide for investments to improve air quality, such as clean energy development and energy efficiency measures." (Sierra Club, April 25, 2022)

Happy Mother's Day!!