

Program Twelve: Becoming Committed

Catholics everywhere are taking up the challenge to see the environmental crisis as truly global while taking measures to act locally and personally towards its reversal.

Materials

Videos

- Program Twelve: Becoming Committed

Websites

Visit the websites of people interviewed for this series:

- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Alderville First Nation Black Oak Savanna
- Elliot Allen Institute of Theology and Ecology
- Farmland Legacies Project
- Heirloom Seed Sanctuary
- Inter-Church Uranium Committee Educational Co-operative (ICUCEC)
- Justice and Peace Commission
- Madonna House
- Prairie Garden Seeds
- Scarboro Missions
- Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Gabriel's Parish, Willowdale, ON
- St. Joseph Villa Retreat and Ecology Centre
- St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, SK

Documents

- Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment June 2015. Coming Soon
- Building a New Culture - Central Themes in Recent Church Teaching on the Environment

Read the original documents for papal statements quotes in this program:

- Francis, Message to UN Convention on Climate Change (December 11, 2014)
- John Paul II, Homily in Zamosc, Poland (June 12, 1999)
- Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of Peace (January 1, 2010)

Books

- Ten Commandments for the Environment Benedict XVI. Ave Maria Press. 2009



Study Guide

Goal

The goal of Program Twelve is to empower and strongly encourage the people of God to become informed about environmental issues - and to then act, accordingly.

Steps

1. Show the video " Program Twelve: Becoming Committed"
2. Ask students to form small groups to describe the following impressions from the video:
 - How can I become more involved with the environment?
 - How is the environment and faith connected?
 - What did you know after viewing the video that you didn't know before?
 - Which quote from what pope in this episode means the most to you and why?
3. Option for Take-Home Assignment. Using the internet, find more facts about:
 - Existing Catholic eco justice initiatives
 - The writings of Popes on the environment
4. Write 1.5 pages on the results of your research.
5. Group discussion
In groups, first share your short essays and then, asking one person to represent the discussion, make presentations to the class about any or all of the above.
Include suggestions on how students could start an ongoing eco justice project or become involved with local Catholic eco justice projects already in existence.