

## PJIC Office Special Update on Care For Creation, December 2020

**V**iew CCC webinar! [Find out how USCCB Bishops and other Catholic groups are caring for Creation!](#)

**Catholic Climate Covenant** – Take time to view one hour CCC webinar, [What Now for U.S. Catholic Action on Climate Change and Creation Care?](#) Learn about the impact of the 2020 election on climate change and creation care legislation. What can we expect to see in a Biden administration and in the next Congress? How can U.S. Catholics organize and advocate within an integral ecology framework?

**Presenters:** Meghan E. Goodwin, Associate Director of Government Relations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Chloe Noel, Faith Economy Ecology Project Coordinator, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns; Rebecca Eastwood, Advocacy Program Manager, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach.

**Make sure to visit** [Catholic Climate Covenant website](#). Get on their email list to receive advocacy and webinar email alerts. [Learn about their valuable resources.](#)

**Global Catholic Climate Movement** – sign up to receive GCCM emails to keep abreast of all the great things that are happening.

**Laudato Si Circles’** [Resources are available if you wish to start one!](#)

**Laudato Si Animators Training** [Think about joining a training and networking with interested Catholics around the world.](#)

**Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement** Make sure to sign up for the MNY CCM email list to keep updated with what is happening in our metro New York area as well as regionally and nationally. Email Nancy Lorence at

[n.lorence2013@gmail.com](mailto:n.lorence2013@gmail.com) ***A small group is working on the following***

***initiative: Climate Crisis Policy***, led by Executive and Legislative Director, Todd Fernandez, who has created a Climate Movement Campaign. ***Next paragraph offers more information:***

**The Center for Earth Ethics has been participating in the Climate Crisis Policy (CCP) (see above link) review of pending climate legislation.** All those interested in protecting our environment through the legislative process are invited to use the extensive resources collected by CCP to deepen understanding of proposed legislation. Participation can happen in various ways”: attending the bi-weekly Action Campaign calls; through Climate Crisis Policy’s “Adopt-a-District” program; join the [Faith Mobilization](#); or find another way to engage your community and

representatives. This is an attempt to develop a “Climate Bill Package” that “Creates Unified Front for Climate Movement, Preparing Now for Nationally Coordinated Effort in 2021”

**Sacred Peoples, Sacred Earth**, an initiative of GreenFaith – The world needs a compassionate, just response to COVID-19 and climate change, and people of faith need to lead the way. [Learn about and join global launch on 11 March 2021.](#)

**GreenFaith mission:** [Because the Earth and all people are sacred and at risk, GreenFaith is building a worldwide, multi-faith climate and environmental movement. Together our members create communities to transform ourselves, our spiritual institutions, and society to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world.](#)

[GreenFaith invites us to join!](#)

**P**arish Catholic Leaders interested in raising awareness of Laudato Si’ in your parish – on December 11<sup>th</sup> a small group met to discuss how to raise awareness of Laudato Si’ and its call to integral ecology and ecological conversion by listening to the song of Creation and the cries of Earth and her peoples and responding in hope. Group will meet again via zoom. Contact Sr. Carol De Angelo, SC, MNY CCM, if you are a Catholic leader interested in outreaching to your pastor and parish. [Holy Name of Mary Sustainable Sunday Series December 13<sup>th</sup> webinar with Dr. Erin Lothes, presenter, is another resource.](#)

**CHPE (Champlain Hudson Power Express)** is a proposed 330-mile long high voltage submarine power cable linking one-billion watts of Canadian generated hydroelectricity to New York City. This line would be constructed and operated by Transmission Developers Inc. (TDI) a partner of the Blackstone Group. ROAR (Religious Organizations Along the River) member representatives stand opposed to CHPE and advocate against its construction. ROAR considers the social and environmental consequences of the CHPE project originating in Eastern Canada extremely harmful and, the power the project proposes to supply, not “green.” The hydropower dams in eastern Canada disrupt and poison the region's rivers, lands and food web. They are destroying the social and cultural structures of local indigenous people and other front-line communities. The reservoirs they create destroy entire ecosystems and produce toxic methylmercury and methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Here in New York, ROAR representatives consider the environmental damage that the installation and future operation of the cables will cause in the Hudson River unacceptable. Sisters of Charity PJIC Office invites readers to learn about and advocate for sustainability that is safe, clean and just! [Click here for more information on CHPE.](#)

**Ideas for prayer:** [Rosary Mediations on Care for Creation](#) and [Holy Hour or Benediction focused on Care for Creation](#)

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