

Caritas Internationalis inaugurates a Global Year of Action on climate change.

The Caritas Internationalis has launched a 'Global Year of Action' on climate change, which forms the second year of the Caritas Confederation's broader 'Together We' campaign.

'Together We' is a four-year campaign launched in December 2021 that aims to encourage people to take collective action to fight poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and protect nature in the spirit of integral ecology.

The 'Global Year of Action' campaign is comprised of a public participation toolkit that empowers individuals and communities to use their voices to address urgent environmental challenges and create a sustainable, socially just future.

Dioceses, Parishes, schools, and community groups wishing to participate can visit the <u>Together We</u> website to download toolkits and campaign materials.

Participants can also write a digital message sharing how they believe we can care for our common home together. These messages will be collated with other voices around the world and presented to Pope Francis in a booklet, demonstrating the demands placed on leaders and decision-makers to care for our common home together as one.

Kirsty Robertson, CEO of Caritas Australia said of the campaign, "In his recent apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis called upon us to foster greater mutual knowledge and integration of people to build a multilateralism from below (LD 38).

"In turn the new Global Year of Action toolkits are designed to bring people together to share their understanding of the effects of climate change, and how greatly they are borne by the world's most vulnerable people."

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