

Wednesday, October 3



Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee

Tomorrow, October 4, is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Activities including prayer services, actions to protect and care for creation and the blessing of the animals will be held tomorrow in areas around the world.

According to an article from the Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach, “We are now at a critical point in our history ... the banner headlines absorb our attention so much so that we tend to overlook a more deep-seated crisis which, we believe, lies at the root of many of our economic and political problems. To put it simply: our country is in peril. All the living systems on land and in the seas around us are being ruthlessly exploited. The damage to date is extensive and, sad to say, it is often irreversible.

“The language the Philippine bishops use is powerful. They ask: ‘Who has benefited most and who has borne the real costs’ of what they refer to as a ‘sinful assault on creation’ by transnational corporations and extractive industries plundering their nations’ resources and destroying the habitats of many poor and indigenous communities.

They call on the faithful ‘to take a stand on the side of life,’ and, ‘to defend the Earth,’ for it is a matter of life and death: ‘The poor are as disadvantaged as ever and the natural world has been grievously wounded.’”

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The Season of Creation and the celebration of St. Francis tomorrow carry the theme of Walking Together. As sisters and brothers who “share a common home on this planet, we are on a pilgrimage to better care for creation.” This theme also reminds us “of the 25 million ‘climate refugees’ who have had to flee their homes this past year due to climate-related disasters.”

As you continue to reflect on all you have heard over the past several years concerning those on the margins of fullness of life and the damage to all of creation including humanity, where do you feel your heart calling you? Are you being called to action of some type?

Pray about it.