



Statement of Cardinals, Bishops, and Catholic Organizations gathered for COP30 and the Peoples' Summit in Belém

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From November 10 to November 21, world leaders, negotiators, peoples' movements, and more traveled to Belém, Brazil, for COP30 and the Peoples' Summit. Among them is an unprecedented diversity of voices from our Church—lay people, religious sisters and brothers, cardinals, bishops, clergy, pastoral movements, youth organizations, NGOs, and many more—who have sought to amplify what Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si'*, called the “cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” Moved by what we have experienced through this COP, we offer this statement to all Catholics and people of good will to join us in a renewed commitment and action to care for our common home.

Ten years after the Paris Agreement and Pope Francis's call to protect our common home, the world faces more extreme weather and environmental degradation. Hosting COP30 in Brazil, a country where the Church, Indigenous peoples, and social movements have long walked together in defense of life, further strengthened the hope felt throughout the Catholic community. Months before COP30, Catholics began expressing their hopes, concerns, and prayers related to this important conference. On June 12, the Catholic Bishops Conferences of Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean published a joint statement entitled *A Call for Climate Justice and the Common Home*, a powerful appeal for concrete and courageous action from those most affected by the climate crisis. Similarly, Catholic movements and organizations dialogued together, sharing perspectives and supporting one another.

Catholics arrived at COP30 to discover a spirit of true synodality, walking together, unified in God's love for the poor and creation. Sharing our time in meals, conference panels, advocacy, the Peoples' Summit, Masses, and a procession of the Virgem de Nazaré, we encountered a Church ready to speak up alongside people and the planet. We leave with renewed hope, empowered by the witness of the Church and the grace we have experienced together.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis, boldly grappling with the reality of climate change, called for an “ecological conversion.” Pope Leo XIV, in a message to those gathered for COP30, wished that “all the participants in this COP30, as well as those actively following its work, be inspired to embrace with courage this ecological conversion in thought and actions, bearing in mind the human face of the climate crisis.”

As we continue this journey of ecological conversion, we ask for the grace to care more tenderly for creation, to walk in deeper solidarity with one another, and to grow in the courage needed to respond faithfully to the urgent challenges of our time, which affect us all, but especially women, youth, migrants, Indigenous peoples, and the most marginalized. As Pope Leo has just reminded us: “We walk alongside scientists, leaders and pastors of every nation and creed. We are guardians of creation, not rivals for its spoils.”

List of signatories:

Cardinals and Bishops

H. Em. Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão, President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) • H. Em. Cardinal Jaime Spengler OFM, President of the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) • H. Em. Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu O.F.M. Cap., President of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM). • H. Em. Cardinal Ladislav NEMET, S.V.D, Vice President of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE).

H.E. Júlio Endi Akamine, archbishop of Belém do Pará, Brazil • H.E. Paolo Andreolli, auxiliary bishop of Belém do Pará, Brazil • H.E. Benedito Araújo, bishop of Campo Maior, Brazil • Marcus Barbosa, advisor to the Ecumenism Commission, National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB) • H.E. Juan Carlos Barreto Barreto, bishop of Soacha, Colombia • H.E. Vilsom Basso, bishop of Imperatriz, Brazil • Alberto Taveira Corrêa, archbishop emeritus of Belém do Pará, Brazil • H. Em. Cardinal Pablo Virgilio S. David, bishop of Kalookan, Philippines • H.E. Allwyn D'Silva, bishop of the Archdiocese of Bombay, India • H.E. Sílvio Guterres Dutra, bishop of Vacaria, Brazil • H.E. Vicente de Paula Ferreira, bishop of Livramento de Nossa Senhora, Brazil • Pedro Brito Guimarães, archbishop of Palmas, Brazil • H.E. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R, bishop of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, Canada • H.E. Nereudo Freire Henrique, auxiliary bishop of Recife, Brazil • H.E. Maurício da Silva Jardim, bishop of Rondonópolis-Guiratinga, Brazil • H.E. Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agaña, Guam, and President of CEPAC • H.E. Martin Laliberté, bishop of Trois-Rivières, Canada • H.E. José Valdeci Santos Mendes, bishop of Brejo, Brazil • H.E. Lucio Nicoletto, bishop of São Felix do Araguaia, Brazil • H.E. José Ionilton Lisboa de Oliveira, bishop prelate of Marajó, Brazil • H.E. Mário Antônio da Silva, bishop of Cuiabá, Brazil • H.E. Francisco Lima Soares, bishop of Carolina, Brazil • H.E. Teodoro Mendes Tavares, bishop of Ponta de Pedras, Brazil.

Catholic organisations present at COP

Aksyon Klima Pilipinas • Alyansa Tigil Mina • Apostolic Carmel • Asociación Encrucillada • Assumption cathedral church • Basic Ecclesiastical Communities BEC - Manila • CAFOD • Centro Alternativo de Cultura - CAC • Cardinal Tien hospital • Care for Earth Ministry • Caritas Internationalis • Cáritas Latinoamérica y el Caribe • Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa • Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace - Pakistan • Centre Arrupe Madagascar • CHIRO Youth Movement • Chiro Youth Movement Philippines Inc. • CIDSE • Claretian • Claretian Missionaries • Claretian Missionaries West Delegation of Nigeria • CLC • Cluny Congregation • Conference of Jesuit Provincials of Latin America and Caribbean (CPAL) • Consolata Missionaries • CYNESA TANZANIA • Daughters of Charity • Departamento de Ecología Integral, Conferencia Episcopal Española • Development and Peace - Caritas Canada - Développement et Paix Caritas Canada • Diocese Mackenzie-Fort Smith • Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC); Archdiocese of Agaña Guam • Fe y Alegría • Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences FABC • Fimcap • Franciscans International • Franciscan Missionaries of Christ the King • Fundación Alboan • Ignatian Legal Apostolate Office of the Ateneo de Naga University • INFANT JESUS CHURCH BAGAYAM • Institute of Environmental Science for Social Change • JPIC Comunidad Franciscana • Justice in Mining Network - A Global Ignatian Advocacy Network (GIAN) • Laudato Si' Movement • Laudato Si' Research Institute / University of Oxford • Living Laudato Si' Philippines • Manos Unidas • Maryknoll • Misionero Claretiano • Misioneros Claretianos Provincia Colombia Venezuela • Misioneros Claretianos Provincia Peru Bolivia • Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit • MPC • National commission for justice and peace • NCJP National commission for justice and peace Faisalabad • Pastoral da Juventude Estudantil • ORCIE (Office of Religious Congregations for Integral Ecology) • Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc. • Proclade International - Claretian Missionaries • Procura Claretiana • REGCHAG - Red Eclesial del Grab Chaco y Acuífero Guarani • Religieuses de l'Assomption • Religiosa de la Asunción • School Missionary work • SCIAF - Caritas Scotland • SECAM • SICSAL Óscar Arnulfo Romero - Servicio Internacional Cristiano de Solidaridad con los Pueblos de América Latina • Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team • Sisters Of The Sacred Hearts of Mary (CSCM) • Society of Jesus • Society of Jesus Social Justice and Ecology secretariat • Society of the Divine Word (SVD) • SSpS • SSpS Flores Barat • St Mary's New Mills • St. Martha Institute (SMI) in Taiwan • Talitha kum Asia

Communication team • TalithaKum Indonesia Jaringan Jakarta • The Lovers of the Holy Cross of Hung Hoa • TK Indonesia • Trocaire • Xnan Organization • Youth Commission • 天主教教友 • 德來小妹妹會

Catholic organisations in solidarity and supporting the statement

ACTIO Centro de Pensamiento de GRUPO SAF • Ako Ang Saklay - Claretian Missionaries • All india Catholic Union • AMAS MARIANISTAS • Amrat • Ang Aroroy Ay Alagaan, Inc.- • Annunciation Church • Annunciation Church New Mills • Archdiocese of Port of Spain • Asociacion de Desarrollo Solidario Yachay Wasi de Tablada • Asociación rehojando. Misioneros claretianos • Assumption College of Nabunturan Center for Integral Evangelization • Augustinian Order • Australian Catholic University • Auxiliaries of the Cenacle • Balbriggan Co Dublin Laudato 'Si group • BEC • Bethany Sisters • Bethlehem Christian Life Community of the Philippines • Blase D'Souza • Bon Secours Congregation • Bosco Global • Branches of Hope • BVM Associate • Canadian Jesuits International • Canossian Daughters of Charity • Care for Creation Commission, St Thomas More Church Subang Jaya • Care for the Earth Ministry • Caritas / ECMI • Caritas Bangladesh • Caritas Pakistan Karachi • Caritas, Leicester • Carmelite Missionaries • Catholic (National) Commotion From Justice and Peace. (NCJP) • Catholic Bishops' Conference of India • Catholic Church of the Resurrection La Horquetta, Trinidad and Tobago • Catholic Church, Taichung diocese, Taiwan • Catholic Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue and Ecumenism • Catholic Educational Association of the Phil. • Catholic Women's Council • CDPI • CEAMA • Cenacle • Cenacle Sisters • Center for General Educations, St. Mary's College of Medicine, Nursing, and Management, Taiwan • Centro de Promoção de Agentes de Transformación - CEPAT • Chiro Pilipinas • Chiro Youth Movement Philippines / FIMCAP • Christian Brothers Congregation • Christian Life Community • Claretian missionaries (CMF) • Claretian Missionary • CLM comunidad Laica Marianista " Semeia" • CNLB e CVX • Colectivo por los Derechos de las Personas Mayores • Comisión de Ecología y Cuidado de la Creación CECC de la Diócesis de Lurín Lima Perú • Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social - CEAS • Comisión JPIC de los Misioneros Claretianos • Compañía de María Nuestra Señora • Comunidad de Vida Cristiana • Comunidad de Vida Cristiana - CVX Siempre • Conferencia de Religiosos de Colombia -CRC- JPIC • Congregação do Verbo Divino • Congregación de Jesus • Congregación del Santísimo Sacramento • CONGREGACIÓN HERMANITAS DE LA ASUNCIÓN • Congregación religiosa • Congrégation des Augustins de l'Assomption (Assomptionnistes) • Congregation of Apostolic Carmel • Congregation of Dominican Sisters Cabra, Ireland • Congregation of Jesus • Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Laudato Si' Movement - Colombia • congregation of our lady of the retreat in the Cenacle • Congregation of Sisters of Charity. • Congregation of the Holy Family of Nazareth • Congregation of the Mission • Congregation of the Religious Missionaries of St Dominic • Congregation of the servants of the Holy Spirit • COSHP (Commission on Service to Human Promotion) • Council for Social Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of Goa and Daman • Couples for Christ • Couples for Christ - Youth for Christ • CSJ • CVX Ecología • CVX en Perú • CVX_CLC • CVX-Comunidades de Vida Cristiana.Lima, Perú. • CVX-E • Daughters of the Heart of Mary • Daughters of Jesus • Daughters of Charity • Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul • Daughters of Mary Help of Christians - Salesian Sisters • Daughters of the Cross • DBP Service Corp • Department of Education • Diocesan Youth Apostolate of Mati • Diocese of Palayamkottai • Diocese of Paranaque, Commission on Service to Human Promotion • Diocese of Taichung • Diócesis de Magangué • Disciples of the Divine Master (PDDM) • Divine Word Missionaries • Divine Word Missionaries (SVD) • Dominican Daughters of the Immaculate Mother • Dominican Leadership Conference • Dominican Promoter for Justice and Peace - North America • Dominican Sisters • DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSIONARIES SO ST DOMINIC • Ecología y Medio Ambiente Diócesis de Barahona • Ecolufe Colombia • Ecolufe Colombia • Ecoparfoquia • Edmund Rice Education Australia • Edmund Rice Education Australia • Enlázate por la Justicia - Manos Unidas • FIMCAP • FIMCAP Africa • FIMCAP Europe • FISC Fundacion internacional Compañía de María • Focolare Movement • Fondazione Proclade Internazionale • Franciscan Capuchin • Frassati Society, Inc (Philippines) • Fraternidad laica Carlos de Foucauld de Lima • From the parish of Our Lady of Assumption Cathedral ,Vellore Diocese • Fundación Claret • Fundación Colegio Compañía de María • Fundación DeCyR Diálogo entre Ciencia y Religión • Goan • Green Cell, St. Michael Church, Mahim, Mumbai • Green Convergence • HERMANAS CARMELITAS DE LA ENSEÑANZA • Hermanas de la Caridad Dominicanas de la Presentación de la Santísima Virgen • Hermanas Dominicanas de la Presentación, Fundación Diocesana Compartir • Holy Spirit Hospital • Holy Spirit Missionaries sister • Homemaker • ICWM • ICYM • Iglesia San Pedro • Indian Catholic Youth Movement - FIMCAP • Indian Christian Women's Movt • Indian Women Theologians Forum • Integral Human Development Team of Association of Major Religious Superiors in Taiwan • International Community of the Divine Savior • International Presentation Association • IS Acies Christi • JAGRUTI KENDRA • Jaringan Palembang • Jesuit Alumni Association of Bombay (Mumbai-India) • Jesuit Missions • Jesuit Province Australia • JPIC Bishop

Conference of Indonesia • JPIC Commission USG-UISG • JPIC MI, PNG • JPIC Of West Flores Commission • JPIC SALVATORIAN SISTERS • JPIC-Coordinator SVD Divine Word Missionary • Kasaana Luweero Diocese • Kasoi • Katholische Kirche • Kithu Dana Pubuduwa • Klima Center of Manila Observatory • Laudato sí Huaycan • Laudato Si' Movement - New Jersey Chapter • Laudato Si' Movement Indonesia • Laudato Si Movement Pilipinas • Laudato si' Movement, Christians for Animals - Poland • Laudato Si Movement-Pilipinas • Laudato Si UK and Laudato Si Movement.org • Laudato Si' Movement South Africa Chapter • Laura Vicuña Foundation, Inc of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians • Little Sisters of the Assumption • Little sisters of the poor • Loretto Community • Lovers of the Holy Cross • Malate Catholic Church and LaudatoSi Movement Pilipinas • Malate Church • Mandalay Archdiocese • Manos Unidas • Mary Help of Christians Crusade • Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers • Maryknoll Sisters • Matruchhaya • Mcj • Medical Missionaries of Mary • Member of St Thomas More Parish, Knighton, Leicester • Mercedaria missionary of mercy • Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz • Migrants Ministry • Migrants Ministry of The Diocese of Tagum • Mision Congregation of the Servants of the Holy Spirit • Misionera Clarisa • Misioneros Claretianos • Misioneros del Verbo Divino • Missionarie del Sacro Costato • Missionaries of Christ Jesus • Missionaries sisters of Sacro Costato • Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart • Missionary of the Holy Spirit • Missionary sister of our Lady of Africa • MISSIONARY SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE • Missionary Sisters of St Columban • Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus • Missionary Sisters Servant of the Holy Spirit • Missionary Society of St Columban • Missionary Society of St. Columban • Missionary Srs Servant of the Holy Spirit • Missionnaires Clarétains • MNDA • monk of Saint Vincent Archabby • Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement Canada, a project of Faith & the Common Good • Movimiento de los Focolares/Obra de María • Movimiento de Profesionales Católicos (MPC) • Movimiento Laudato Si' • Movimiento por una educación inclusiva • Mulleres Cristiás galegas Exeria • N CJP National commission for justice and peace • National Commission for Justice and Peace • National commission for justice and peace • National University of Singapore • New Humanity Movement • Nodo Perú - Red Iglesias y Minería • Ordem Franciscana Secular- OFS • Orden de la Compañía de María Nuestra Señora • Orden de la Compañía Nuestra Señora • Ordo Fratrum Minorum • Our Lady of the Charity of the Good Shepherd • Parishioner, St. Mathias Church, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India • Parish-Laity • Parroquia el Carmen alicante • Parroquia en Galicia, Santiago de Compostela • Parroquia San Maximiliano Kolbe, diócesis de La Vega • Parroquia Santa Maria de los Angeles • Parroquia Virgen de Nazaret Lima • Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People /TKPhilippines • Pastoral de Ecología • Pastoral Social - Caritas Colombiana • Pastoral Social de la diócesis de Sincelajo Sucre • Pastorale des jeunes (Église catholique) • Pax Christi International • PAX CHRISTI SCOTLAND • PAZ Y BIEN • PEPULIH • Petites soeurs de l'Assomption • Pré-CVX A Caminho • Presentation Brothers • Presentation Brothers • Presidente de REMAM, Guatemala • Primarstufe Schoolteacher • Programa Futuro Vivo • PWPN • RAAD Red Argentina de Ambiente y Desarrollo • Rainbow Home • Red Infancia Robada • Red Pastoral Pueblos Indígenas y Ecología Integral • Red Uniendo Manos Perú • Religiosa de la Asuncion • Religious lofcthe Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) • Religious of the Assumption • Religious of the Cenacle • Religious of the Good Shepherd • Religious oof Mary Immaculate Claretian Missionary sistes • Religious sisters of St Charles Borromeo • RGS • Rmi Misioneras Claretianas • Root & Branch , movement for reform in the Catholic Church • RR. de María Inmaculada Misioneras Claretianas • RSHM • Sacred heart parish leicester • Saint Martha-Diocese of Hualien • Salvatorianos laicos • Salvatorian Sisters • SEDYS TRUJILLO-PERÚ • Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Teologi Widya Sasana - Malang • Sharing and Love Food Bank • silent prayer and apostolate group • Sister • Sister of St. Paul of Chartres • Sister of St. Paul of Chartres • Sisters of Notre Dame, Patna • Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambéry • Sisters of Saint Paul of Chartres • Sisters of St Joseph of Chambéry • Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres Philippine Province • Sisters of the Divine Savior Congregation • Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother • Société des Missions Étrangères du Québec • Society of Jesus • Society of Jesus, Nashik • Society of the Divine Word • Society of the servants of the Holy spirit • SSM • SSpS Congregatio • St Edward's College • St Francis Xavier Church, Chicalim Goa • St Joseph Vaz College, Cortalim Goa • St Mary's Catholic church Marple Bridge • St Mary's Marple Bridge • St Thomas More & Immaculate Conception Parish, Leicester UK • St Thomas More Church . Leicester • St Thomas More Leicester • St Thomas More Parish Leicester • St Xavier's Boys' Academy • St. Martha Institute (SMI) of Hualien Diocese. • St. Paul College San Rafael, Inc. (Catholic School in the Diocese of Malolos) • St. Paul School Barotac Nuevo, Inc. • St. Xavier School, Gamharia • Statement of Cardinals, Bishops, and Catholic Organizations Gathered for COP30 and the Peoples' Summit in Belém • SVD (Steyler Missionare) • Syro Malabar Youth Movement • Talitha Kum Bangladesh • Talitha Kum and IMCS Pax Romana • Talitha Kum Indonesia • Talitha Kum Korea • Talithakum Indonesia • Tallitha Kum • The Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi • United Farm Cooperative • University of Allahabad • University of Indonesia • Vangarda Obreira • Vishwodaya • VIVAT INTERNATIONAL • VOCATIONS IRELAND • VS Dornbirn Oberndorf • YCS YSM INDIA • Youth ambassador Talitha Kum • 天主教教友 • 天主教的教友 • 天主教聲遠老人養護之家 Diocese of Hualien.