



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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7 June 2026 Feast of Corpus Christi



PARISH



Fr Simon Story

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for belonging to our parish! Great to welcome every person who comes here. The teams of the parish in leadership are all quietly working away on developing what we do, to make it better, and on the mission plan. It takes time to make progress.

These teams met for a BBQ and discussion, two Fridays ago. We don't want to operate in silos but be united in our vision. We are currently preparing 68 young people for the sacrament of Confirmation and 60 people are regular guests at Alpha. We want to place these candidates for Confirmation and the guests at Alpha on the threshold of an encounter with Jesus Christ. Please pray for this. This will transform their lives.

Most people involved with Alpha are conscious of "what happens after Alpha?" The guests are often keen to continue in some way. We are working on having options in place for the guests who would like to continue the journey. This raises the subject of Connect Groups. Small groups have a significant impact on people's growth in faith and sense of belonging. This applies to those who have just finished Alpha and for those established parishioners.

Connect groups after Alpha would continue the evangelisation journey of conversion and serve to grow the faith of disciples already baptised. I believe small groups matter. Discipleship is most effective in the context of community. We see Jesus investing time in his small group of disciples, Paul mentoring Timothy and stories about family groups in the Acts of the Apostles. Connect groups continue the process of making disciples and changing people's lives. God bless, Fr Simon.

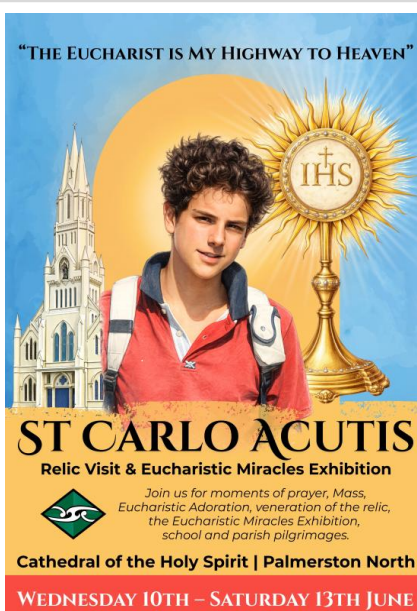
St Carlo Acutis Relics Mission

This Wednesday, St Carlo arrives. A teenage boy from Milan who called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven" and devoted his short life to helping others find what he had found there.

The Relic Mission runs from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th June at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, with daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, talks, and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Bring your family, bring a friend, bring whatever weighs on your heart. Whether you have ten minutes or a whole afternoon, you are warmly welcome.

Saturday 13th June – the final day. This is your last chance to be in the presence of the relic before it leaves our diocese. A Saturday makes room: for families with children, for those who can't take weekday hours, for an unhurried morning before the Lord. Come for Mass, stay for adoration, and kneel close to a saint who lived just fifteen years and gave every one of them to Christ.

The Cathedral doors are open. <http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/StCarlo>



Important Dates

Adoration

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Tuesday after 9.10am
Mass

St Joseph's Church
Every Thursday
Adoration and
Reconciliation 7.00pm

7th June 2026

Sunday 10.30am
School Led Mass
John Bosco School
Our Lady Help of
Christians

8th June 2026

Monday, 1.30–2.30pm,
Thinking of Funerals
Parish Office

10th – 13th June Wednesday-Saturday

St Carlo Acutis Relics
Mission
Cathedral of the Holy
Spirit, Palmerston North

14th June 2026

Sunday
No Youth Group

21st June 2026

School Led Mass
St. Pius X School

28th June 2026

Sunday 9.00 am
Confirmation Mass
St Joseph's Church
(This will be a long Mass)

8th August 2026

Sunday 1.30pm
St. Joseph's church hall
Catholic Women's
League
Bingo Fun afternoon

GENERAL NOTICES

A Time for Gratitude and a time to say thank you to Shirley Knuckey, organist of St. Joseph's Church for all those years of service and as she steps down from her position, please come and thank God for the gift of Shirley on **7th June at 5:30pm Mass**.

Passionist-Family Group Movement

You are invited to join a Family Group:

A new group is starting for young families and there are currently 5 other groups who welcome new members.



If you are interested contact Linda 0273546171.
Email: paulandlinda.d@gmail.com or Parish Office.

St Vincent De Paul Community Meals

requires a cook for the third Tuesday (to make pudding) and one for the fourth Tuesday (to make a pasta bake eg: mac & cheese) each month. Please contact Liz for more information. 0226430252,
Email: eogooch@gmail.com.



CWL is conducting a Bingo Fun afternoon

8th August 1.30pm St. Josephs church hall. Lots of prizes to be won. All proceeds will go to the support of Alzhiemers.



Communion to those who are temporarily unable to attend Mass

Any family member or friend is encouraged to approach the priest to get a pyx and a blessing to take communion to those who cant attend for now.

Thinking about Funerals?

Are you considering what kind of funeral you would like or your family will organizes for you.

Welcome to a discussion time with Fr. Tom to ask questions on how to have a Catholic send off that suits yours and family needs.

Please join us on 8th June, Monday, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Parish Office.



TŪMANAKO The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: Issue 14 is available in the foyer. For those who wish to have a printed copy please take one.

But to read online, go to tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz or cathnewsnz.com. Or you can join up to receive monthly an emailed copy of Tūmanako at www.pndiocese.org.nz.

BINGO

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026 - STARTS AT 01:30 PM

St Joseph's Church Hall – 151 Devon St, New Plymouth

ENTRY \$15
which includes 10 cards, afternoon tea and raffles.

Come along to
The Catholic Women's League annual Bingo Fundraiser.
Funds raised will support

ALZHEIMER'S

Through a wide spectrum of services, providing vital support and services to patients and their families as they navigate life's challenges.



World Youth Day 2027

Expressions of Interest:

Those young people who are thinking about attending World Youth Day (WYD) in Seoul, South Korea in 2027.

The theme of this next WYD is "Take courage! I have overcome the world." Pope Leo will be there.

Pilgrims for this WYD need to be older than 18 to travel with the NZ group. We anticipate an early August 2027 time frame.

This expression doesn't lock anyone in to going, but it means we have a group of people to communicate with going forward. Check out the official promo video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgtBKDW8iq0>

Fill out the expression of interest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxtwIH86NPEhHqvdT2scpc1nki_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform



OLDER CHILDRENS BAPTISM 24 MAY 2026. 37 children who have worked over the past months in a family based programme preparing for this day, were baptised.

ALPHA – Week Six (28 May) Week Six of our Alpha course took place on 28 May, where participants gathered once again for an evening of connection, exploration, and meaningful discussion. The session continued to build on the strong sense of community that has been growing over the past weeks, with attendees sharing openly and engaging thoughtfully with one another.



The topic; "Why and how should I read the Bible?" for the evening prompted deeper reflection, encouraging participants to consider how faith relates to their everyday lives. Small group discussions were particularly enriching, as individuals felt comfortable asking questions, sharing personal experiences, and listening to different perspectives in a supportive and welcoming environment.

As always, the evening began with a shared meal, providing a relaxed space for fellowship and relationship-building. Preparation for the retreat to be held this Sunday. Was in full swing with almost 60 Alpha guests coming for the retreat.



We give thanks for the ongoing journey of those attending Alpha and for the opportunity to walk alongside one another in faith. Please continue to keep the Alpha participants and team in your prayers as the course progresses.

FROM POPE LEO: JUNE INTENTION

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Cash For Kai Winter Appeal

Please give what you can today - together we can help keep our community fed, warm and supported this winter.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

**YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 7 JUNE**

**OVERFED
YET
STARVING**

COME AND LEARN
WAYS OF HOW YOU
CAN BE SATISFIED
BY THE
EXTRAORDINARY!



**YOUTH
GROUP
DATES IN TERM 2**

**3 MAY
17 MAY
7 JUNE
21 JUNE
5 JULY**

**NEXT SUNDAY
NO YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 14 JUNE**

**NEXT WEEKEND IS
CONFIRMATION
CAMP, SO WE NEED
TO HAVE A BREAK
AGAIN.**

**WE WILL BE BACK
WITH OUR LAST
SERIES ON SUNDAY,
21 JUNE.**

NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY

**CONFIRMATION
programme**



VERSO L'ALTO
ST. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

SAVE THE DATE

**CONFIRMATION MASS
SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 2026
9:00 AM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**



SHINE
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00PM - 5:00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
Contact KAREN
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

ILLUMIN8
YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 9 TO 13
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
Contact SUSILO
youth@catholicparishnp.nz

CONFIRMATION
PROGRAMME

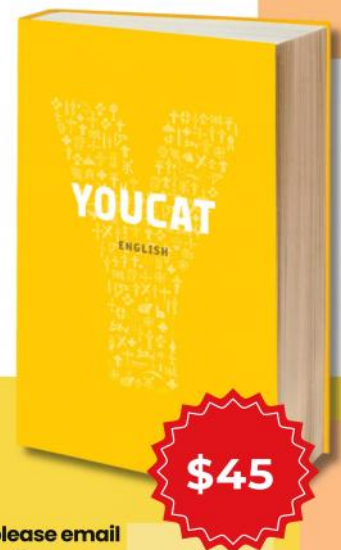
**YOUCAT
SPONSORSHIP**
(YOUTH CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH)

FAITH INVESTMENT

HELP SHAPE THE FAITH OF OUR
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
BY SPONSORING THEM WITH
THE YOUCAT (YOUTH
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH)!

HOW TO DONATE:

- Fill out a "YOUCAT" donation form. Place the cash inside the envelope, seal it, and drop it in the collection basket during Sunday Mass.
- Alternatively, you can visit the Parish Office on weekdays from 9am to 4pm to pay by Eftpos or drop off the envelope.
- For online banking details, please email [youth@catholicparishnp.nz]



PURPOSE

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WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Len Mace, Maureen and Kevin Boyer, Leo and Zeta Carter, Brian Hunger, Jenny Lovegrove, Malcolm Cotter, John Leuthard Sr., Mrs. Abbott, Emily Kennedy, Imelda Saggars, Tony Western, Bob Stevens, Anne Leuthard, Judy Scott, Clotilda Dias, Cajetan Dias, Anthony Jerry Dias, Assumption Lobo, and Diane Healion.

JUNE

8

MON

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE TO 14th JUNE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

9

TUE

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

10

WED

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians

11

THU

8:00am St Joseph's Church

12

FRI

8:00am St Joseph's Church
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

13

SAT

8:30am St Joseph's Church
5:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
6:00pm St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)

14

SUN

9:00am St Joseph's Church
10:30am Our Lady Help of Christians
10:30am Nga Pekanga (Cnr Bayly St and Princess St Waitara)
5:30pm St Joseph's Church (Junior Youth Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm to 5.15pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. And during Thursday 7.00pm Adoration at St Joseph's Church. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Before morning Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office McKillop Room. Please come to the back door of the office building.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy in St John Bosco School Library.

St Joseph's Church: Every Sunday during 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.



LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS

at Our Lady Help of Christians. Music, play and morning tea. 9.00am during the school term. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 June 2026

1ST READING: Exodus 19.1-6a

PSALM: 100

2ND READING: Romans 5.6-11

GOSPEL: Mark 1.15

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For updates on parish, diocese, and national events.

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Tuesday
9:35am to 10:30am
(after 9:10am Mass)
First Sunday of the month
3:00pm - 4:00pm

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

First Friday of the month
4.00pm - 5.00pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Every Thursday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

HOLY HOUR

God dwells in our midst
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar
St. Maximilian Kolbe

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New Plymouth



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

24 Clinton St, Fitzroy

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

138 Parklands Ave,
Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

36 Cumming St,
Okato

"THE EUCHARIST IS MY HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN"



ST CARLO ACUTIS

Relic Visit & Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition



Join us for moments of prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, school and parish pilgrimages.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit | Palmerston North

WEDNESDAY 10TH – SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

ST CARLO RELIC MISSION PROGRAMME

WED 10TH JUNE - SAT 13TH JUNE

WEDNESDAY
10 JUNE

2:00pm Relic visit to School (*Hato Paora College*)
~ Cathedral of the Holy Spirit ~
5:30pm Welcome Mass at Cathedral
7:00pm Talk "*The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven*"
7:30pm - 9pm Eucharistic Adoration & Relic Veneration

THURSDAY
11 JUNE

Relic visit to Schools in New Plymouth & Whanganui
(*Francis Douglas Memorial College, Sacred Heart Girls College and Cullinane College*)
~ Cathedral of the Holy Spirit ~
5:30pm Mass at Cathedral
7pm Talk "*Graces and Miracles through St Carlo's Intercession*"
7:30pm - 9pm Eucharistic Adoration & Relic Veneration

FRIDAY
12 JUNE

Morning Relic visit to School (*St Peter's College*)
~ Cathedral of the Holy Spirit ~
12:05pm Mass at Cathedral
5:30pm Mass at Cathedral
6pm - 9pm *Encounter Night*
Especially for the young people of our diocese. Pizza, talk on *St Carlo's 5 Steps to Being a Saint*, worship, Eucharistic Adoration and Relic Veneration. *St Carlo's witness belongs to all of us, so the young at heart are warmly invited too!*

SATURDAY
13 JUNE

~ Cathedral of the Holy Spirit ~
9:00am Mass at Cathedral
10:00am Talk "*An Ordinary Life becomes Extraordinary*"
12:00pm Talk "*Why we need St Carlo's Witness Today*"
Relic Veneration & Exhibition until 2pm
Travel to Taihape
~ St Mary's Catholic Church, Taihape ~
4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration & Relic Veneration
5:30pm Vigil Mass

DAILY NOVENA MEDITATIONS

DAY 1: "NOT ME, BUT GOD"

St Carlo Acutis, you who made your life a continual renunciation and setting aside of unimportant things, give me the grace to seek heavenly things and despise that which is transient. Amen.

DAY 2: "ALWAYS BE UNITED WITH JESUS, THAT IS MY LIFE'S PLAN"

St Carlo Acutis, you who have lived in the heart of Jesus, give me the grace to apply Jesus' plan of love to everything. Amen.

DAY 3: "CONTINUOUSLY ASK YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL FOR HELP. YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL HAS TO BECOME YOUR BEST FRIEND"

St Carlo Acutis, you who saw the company of Holy Angels while you were already in this world, give me the grace to live righteously, as my Guardian Angel desires. Amen.

DAY 4: "OUR SOUL IS LIKE A HOT-AIR BALLOON... IF BY CHANCE THERE IS A MORTAL SIN, THE SOUL FALLS TO THE GROUND. CONFESSION IS LIKE THE FIRE UNDERNEATH THE BALLOON ENABLING THE SOUL TO RISE AGAIN...IT IS IMPORTANT TO GO TO CONFESSION OFTEN."

St Carlo Acutis, you who have lived this sacrament of reconciliation so well, give me the grace constantly to seek confession and the grace of deep contrition. Amen.

DAY 5: "SADNESS IS LOOKING AT OURSELVES, HAPPINESS IS LOOKING TOWARDS GOD"

St Carlo Acutis, you who have never looked away from your great love, Jesus, give me the grace also to live with this happiness in this world. Amen.

DAY 6: "THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO ASK GOD FOR IN PRAYER IS THE DESIRE TO BE HOLY"

St Carlo Acutis, you who have always asked God for what is essential, give me the grace of a deep desire for Heaven. Amen.

DAY 7: "THE VIRGIN MARY IS THE ONLY WOMAN IN MY LIFE"

St Carlo Acutis, you who loved the Virgin Mary above all women, give me the grace to respond to her kind and good love. Amen.

DAY 8: "THE EUCHARIST IS MY HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN"

St Carlo Acutis, you who have always looked for your hidden Jesus in the Tabernacle, give me the grace of a deep fervour for the Eucharist. Amen.

DAY 9: "I AM HAPPY TO DIE BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED MY LIFE WITHOUT WASTING A MINUTE ON THOSE THINGS WHICH DO NOT PLEASE GOD"

St Carlo Acutis, give me that grace of graces—perseverance to the end and a saintly death. Amen.

NOVENA TO SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

In the nine days before the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis arrives in our diocese, we invite you to pray this novena. Beginning on Tuesday 2 June and ending on Wednesday 10 June - the day the relic arrives - this novena is simply nine days of prayer ~ a way of preparing our hearts to welcome a great gift.

Each day, Saint Carlo's own words guide our reflection: the words of a teenager who loved Jesus, loved the Eucharist, and wasted not a minute of his short life.

Pray it on your own, with your family, or with your class or youth group. Bring to it the grace you most earnestly seek, and let Carlo lead you closer to the Lord he loved.

HOW TO PRAY EACH DAY

1. Pray the Opening Prayer.
2. Read and reflect on the day's theme.
3. Pray the day's meditation prayer.
4. Pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Marys, and 5 Glory Be.
5. Pray the Final Prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I thank you for all the grace and favours with which you enriched the soul of Saint Carlo Acutis during his 15 years on this earth.
Through the merits of this Saint, grant me the grace which I earnestly seek (ask for the grace which you seek).

FINAL PRAYER

Almighty God, Father of Mercy, thank you for the gift of Saint Carlo Acutis through his merit, give me the grace that I so ardently desire. Amen.



But I'm already very busy!

Jesus did not ask us to welcome strangers and love each other, but not to worry about this if we are busy. Family Group life is gospel life and we should never be too busy to live that way. Apart from that, if you are too busy you are going to miss out on a lot of fun.

What if I've already got enough friends?

Well, maybe a group needs you! And if you do have many friends, you don't have to lose them to belong to a Family Group.

Have you ever thought what it is like for the people who are not like you and don't have many friends? What if we could create a network where everybody knew at least 10 families well? Wouldn't that be a great way for you to contribute to the parish community?

What about the benefits to the Parish?

Family Groups promote community in the parish through the active involvement of parishioners. Experience shows many people become more actively involved in parish life as a result of belonging to a Passionist Family Group.

History of the Passionist Family Group Movement

The Family Groups began in 1972 as an inspiration of Father Peter McGrath in the tiny parish of St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills, an outer suburb of Sydney. Being a Passionist, Peter guided the Movement with a down-to-earth, practical and friendship based spirituality. Peter used to describe it as "a matter of the heart". As the parish grew in numbers, Peter and others set about preserving the original community spirit when people knew each other by name and shared each others joys and struggles. Other parishes wanted this same spirit and a Movement developed across Australia.

Passionist Family Groups began in Aotearoa in June 1988 through the work of Fr Brian Traynor CP and Lynn and Rob Hill from Paeroa parish and as happened in Australia, the Movement spread far and wide. Today, effective and committed leaders across each diocese still work with Fr Brian, the Advisor.

Together they provide active support, resources and spiritual formation to continue developing healthy leadership models within the Movement. Passionist Family Groups are continuing to encourage, support and guide small group community, a recognised need in the modern church. They bring a sense of fun and friendship to Christian life - a dimension too often missing in parish life.

Will you join in?

For More Information Contact

"Matters of the Heart"

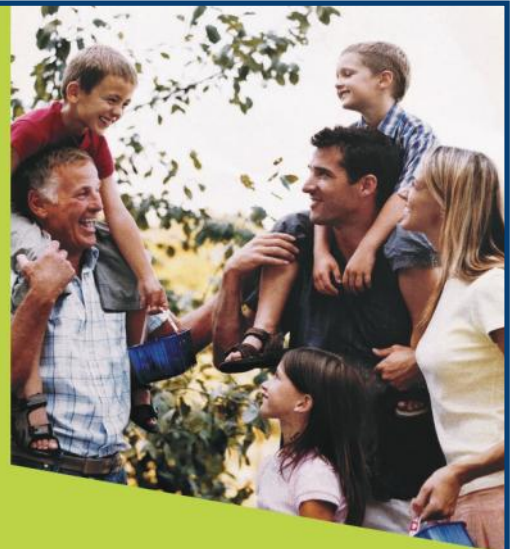


www.passionistfamily.org.nz



Passionist

Family Group Movement



The Family Group Movement

Have you ever asked yourself? "How could I be more involved in our parish?" Maybe you have wondered how you could get to know some of the people you see in the church?

Changing faces into names and names into Family

Nearly everyone finds it difficult to meet new people. There is an increasing number of parishioners from overseas countries. How do they get a sense of welcome and belonging? Joining a Family Group enables parishioners to meet regularly with a small number of people in a social environment. A Family Group is a great way of helping break down barriers and really getting to know others, so that we can look out for each other and build community.

What are the Aims of the Family Group Movement?

The Movement has a down-to-earth spirituality. We want people to feel welcomed in their parish and to have a true sense of belonging. We want members to accept and appreciate each other, to support each other in times of need and in this way assist people to live their faith in a truly practical way.

Is it Social or Religious?

Jesus would have found this a strange distinction, but some people still ask the question. He called his followers to love one another and that's what people do in Passionist Family Groups. Many people believe that faith is 'caught' rather than 'taught' and there is a lot of 'faith catching' in Family Groups.

Do I have to be holy?

Holiness is most obvious in the practical ways we respond to human need. Being a member of a Family Group enables you to experience true holiness, by creating an environment where people can be themselves and respond to each others' everyday needs.

Who will be in my Family Group?

A Family Group is made up of about 10 – 12 families. Many of these will be couples or single adults. Everyone is welcome to join. Family Groups are for all.

What happens in a Family Group?

Faces become names and names become family. Groups gather once a month (e.g. for a picnic, barbeque, pot luck shared meal, etc) to enjoy being with one another and gradually develop supportive relationships that are as strong as any true family. In the past, most groups had a cross section of ages including children. While there are still many such groups, there are also many Family Groups with senior adult members who have been together for decades and developed a true sense of family.

What can I give to a Family Group?

Yourself! You can give your heart, your time, your friendship.

How committed do I have to be?

A Family Group is just like a family; the members create a sense of responsibility for one another. As with all aspects of life, you reap what you sow. You will get from Family Groups what you put into Family Groups.

What if I'm not Catholic or I am single or divorced?

The Passionist Family Group motto is "A Family for All" Family Groups provide an extended family for anyone who wishes to belong, whatever their faith tradition or whether they are married, single or divorced. Everyone is welcome to join.



MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT | 26 – 28 June A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure.

WHEN: 5.00pm Friday 26 June to 3.00pm Sunday 28 June. **WHERE:** Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Contact Fr Trung to register: pettrung89@gmail.com

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure.



THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU IF...

- You've wondered - even briefly - whether God is calling you
- You want space to pray and think without distraction
- You're curious about what the life of a priest actually looks like
- You have the courage to ask the question

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 5PM - SUNDAY 28 JUNE 3PM
MAGNIFICAT RETREAT CENTRE | FEATHERSTON



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DISCOVER MORE AND EMAIL FR TRUNG TODAY
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TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33



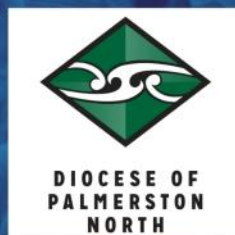
WORLD YOUTH DAY

3 - 8 AUGUST 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

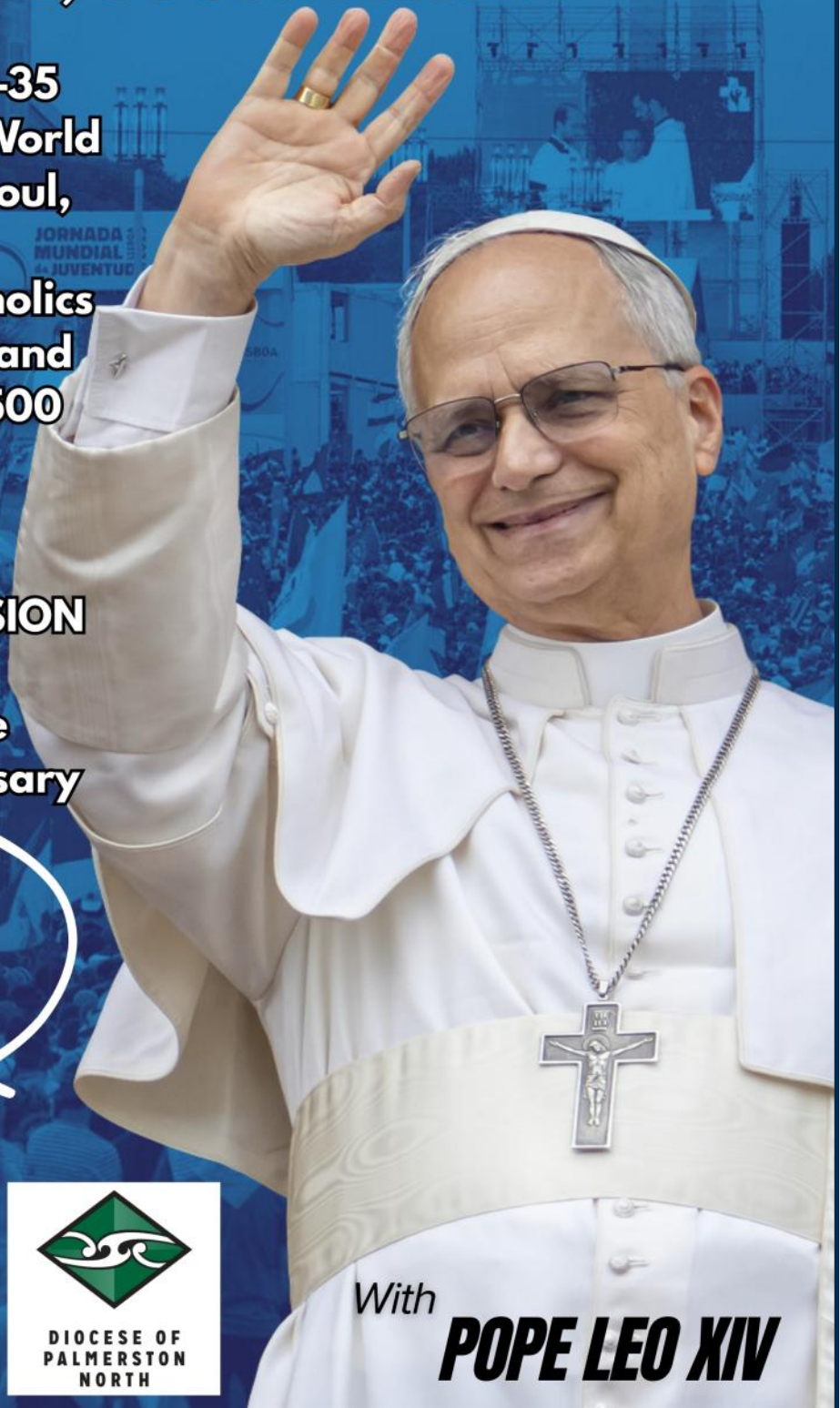
Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, where millions of young Catholics will gather. New Zealand bishops aim to bring 500 young people.

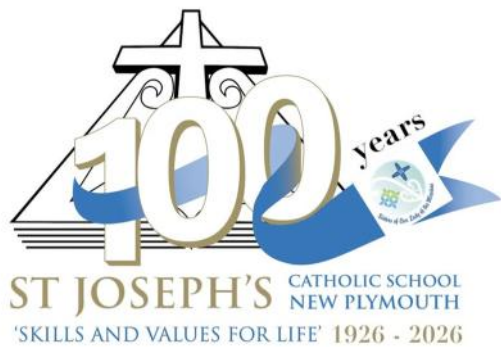
Scan the QR code to complete the **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form, allowing us to provide you with all the necessary information.

SCAN ME



With **POPE LEO XIV**





We are delighted to be approaching a special milestone in the life of St Joseph's Catholic School, and we warmly invite past students, staff, and families to join us in this joyful celebration of this Mission Sister's historic and iconic school. This will be a meaningful time to come together in fellowship, to reconnect, and to give thanks for the spiritual purpose and history of the school, and the many memories and blessings shared within our school community.

Please mark your calendars for Friday 23 October, Saturday 24 October, and Sunday 25 October.

We kindly ask you to complete the "Register Your Interest" form here:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeUuzs83RR.../viewform...>

As our planning continues and we gain a clearer idea of numbers attending, further details will be shared here. In the spirit of community, please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who have been part of St Joseph's Catholic School, so we can gather as widely as possible.

In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected by following our Facebook page, where you can see the life and spirit of our school as it continues today.

We look forward to welcoming you back, renewing connections, and celebrating together as a faith-filled whānau.

For further updates, the following is the official

Centenary Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
1 – 7 June 2026

St Carlo Acutis Relics Mission

This Wednesday, St Carlo arrives. A teenage boy from Milan who called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven" and devoted his short life to helping others find what he had found there.

The Relic Mission runs from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th June at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, with daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, talks, and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Bring your family, bring a friend, bring whatever weighs on your heart. Whether you have ten minutes or a whole afternoon, you are warmly welcome.



**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Palmerston North**

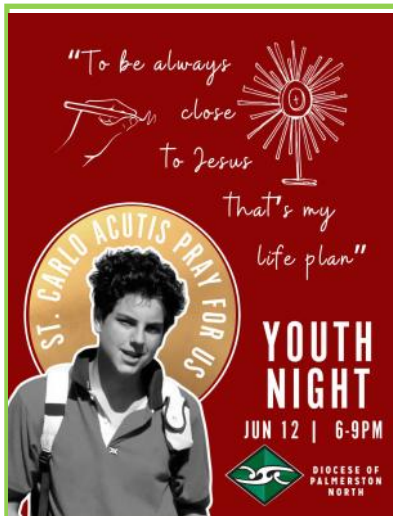
RELIC VISIT PROGRAMME

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| WED 10 JUNE | 5:30pm Welcome Mass Please join us for the Exhibition and light refreshments 7pm - 9pm Adoration & Relic Veneration |
| THU 11 JUNE | Relic Visit to Schools - New Plymouth & Whanganui 5:30pm Mass Cathedral 7pm - 9pm Adoration & Relic Veneration |
| FRI 12 JUNE | Schools Relic Visit & Pilgrimage Exhibition viewing & catechesis for students 5:30pm Mass Cathedral 7pm - 9pm Adoration & Relic Veneration |
| SAT 13 JUNE | Talks Programme 10am Topics: Blessed Carlo Acutis & Eucharistic devotion Relic Veneration & Exhibition until 2pm Travel to Taihape - St Mary's Catholic Church 4:30pm Adoration & Relic Veneration 5:30pm Mass |

ST CARLO ACUTIS
Relic Visit & Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
WEDNESDAY 10TH - SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Saturday 13th June – the final day. This is your last chance to be in the presence of the relic before it leaves our diocese. A Saturday makes room: for families with children, for those who can't take weekday hours, for an unhurried morning before the Lord. Come for Mass, stay for adoration, and kneel close to a saint who lived just fifteen years and gave every one of them to Christ.

The Cathedral doors are open. Details at www.pndiocese.org.nz/StCarlo



"To be always close to Jesus - that's my life plan"

ST. CARLO ACUTIS PRAY FOR US

YOUTH NIGHT
JUN 12 | 6-9PM

DIocese of PALMERSTON NORTH

Youth Night with St Carlo Acutis

Friday 12 June | 6–9pm | Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North

"To be always close to Jesus – that's my life plan." – St Carlo Acutis

Carlo was a teenager who loved football, PlayStation, and coding. He was also completely in love with Jesus. This June, his relics are coming to our diocese and we want young people to come and meet him.

Join us for an evening especially for the young people of our diocese with pizza, a talk on St Carlo's 5 Steps to Being a Saint, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and Relic Veneration.

St Carlo's witness belongs to all of us, so the young at heart are warmly invited too!

Eucharist: Fuel for the Mission – International Eucharistic Congress 2028

Join us for this month's Mission Hub with Tania Rimac from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and member of the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 Local Organising Committee.

Together we will explore how the Eucharist shapes the mission of the Church today and reflect on the opportunity presented by the International Eucharistic Congress being hosted in Sydney in 2028. This practical and prayerful evening will focus on becoming a Eucharistic people, renewed by Christ and sent out for mission. All are welcome.

Monday 8 June, 7pm - 8.30pm (NZT). Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/meNli4s7TsG0CAzWlJdSEw#/registration>

Mission Hub is a monthly online space where people from across Aotearoa gather to be formed, inspired, and equipped for mission in their everyday lives. For more info and past sessions: <https://missionhubnz.com/>



MISSION HUB
NEW ZEALAND
Helping disciples build a culture of prayer, leadership, and mission

Tania Rimac
Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

EUCHARIST: FUEL FOR THE MISSION - IEC28
MONDAY 8 JUNE | 7.00PM - 8.30PM
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Rebuild My Church | Dr Mary Healy

In June, internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy will be in Hamilton for a three-day formation series, (June 9–11) exploring the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today.

Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church. Full details and registration are available at

<https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397>

Billings Life Seminar

Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on June 19 and 20. The event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. Find out more and register at www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

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Billings Ovulation Method™ Natural Fertility Awareness Seminar
Whanganui Friday 19th & Saturday 20th June 2026

Billings Ovulation Method™ is a Fertility Awareness Method used by couples to prevent or achieve pregnancy and monitor general & reproductive well-being. It does not depend on regular cycles, thermometers, kits or devices. It is highly effective if used correctly.

Attendance will benefit health professionals, natural health practitioners, interested in women's health & fertility, those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers, those using or considering the Method, & women keen to understand and track the menstrual cycle phases.

The "Billings Ovulation Method™" Natural Fertility Seminar activity has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has been approved for up to 30 CPD credits for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes. Credits are for active Fellows of the College only.

To register or for further details, Phone 0800 693 378
Email: info@billingslife.org.nz
www.billingslife.org.nz

New Audiobook of Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Available

An audiobook edition of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, is now available from Vatican News. The encyclical reflects on the dignity of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, highlighting the need for technology to serve humanity and promote the common good.

The audiobook is presented in seven parts, including an introduction and five chapters, and is narrated by Sr Bernadette Reis with the Vatican News English team.

Listen online at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/audiobook-of-pope-leo-xiv-s-encyclical-now-available.html>

Job Vacancy: Youth Minister – Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is seeking a vibrant and faith-filled Youth Minister to lead and grow youth engagement in the parish.

This role involves running youth groups and events, leading the Confirmation programme, building strong relationships with local Catholic colleges, and encouraging young people to take an active part in parish life.

For the full position description contact sl@catholicparishnp.nz. Applications have been extended to Tuesday 16 June.

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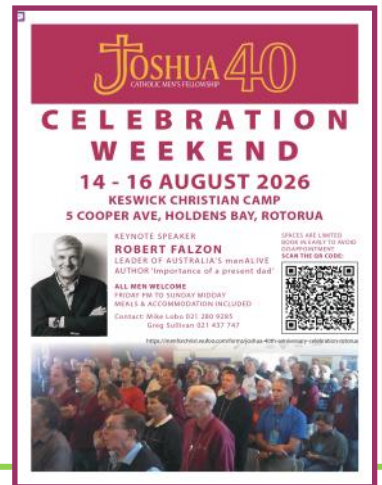
Enrolment for micro-credencial Management of Church Organisations

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolment for the micro-credencial on Management of Church Organisations. This is an online course over 6 weeks. Class starts on July 20, 2026. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/churchmanagement

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship – 40th Anniversary

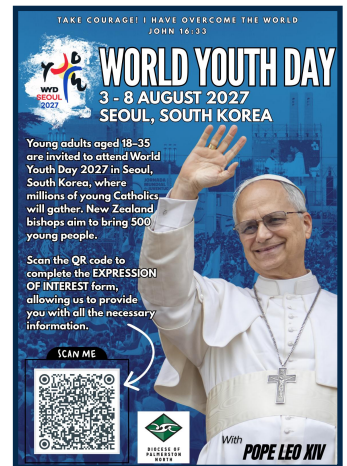
The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will hold its 40th anniversary celebration on 14 –16 August.

Further information and registration details are available at <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>



World Youth Day 2027 | Seoul, South Korea

Young adults aged 18 – 35 are invited to attend WYD27, where millions of young Catholics will gather. The NZ bishops aim to bring 500 young people. Fill out the expression of interest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzxxtwIH86NPEnHqvdt2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform

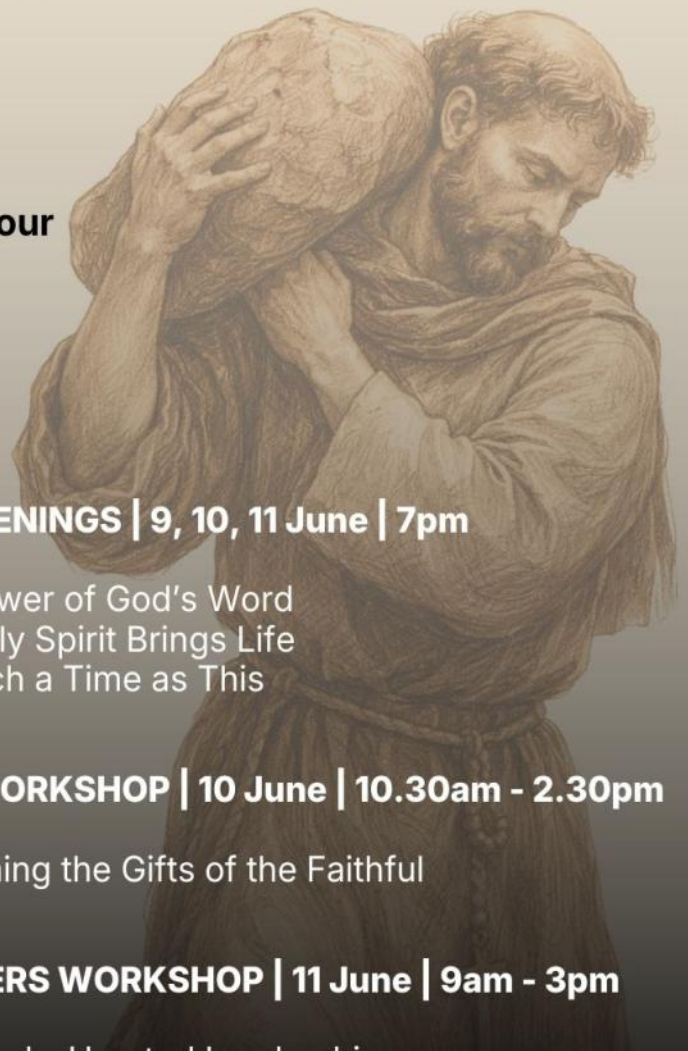


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ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI'

"Praise be to you, my Lord."

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord." These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Here are themes that Pope Francis highlighted in *Laudato Si'* which require our urgent response today.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion – to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.**
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?

Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.

1. **Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace.** For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
2. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
3. Contact your members of Congress to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak, and care for this world in
which we live.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Excerpted from “A Christian prayer in union with creation,” in
Laudato Si’, no. 246

For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)

Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)