



Scripture

“Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food for the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.” Psalm 145 (146) from The Poverty and Justice Bible, Catholic Edition.

“See, I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:5 from The Poverty and Justice Bible, Catholic Edition.

Catechism

“Man is responsible for everything he does consciously and voluntarily.” YOUCAT para. 288

Comment

As the UK prepares to host the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow next month, the eyes of the world, the eyes of the young and the eyes of the Church will be on political leaders and the nations that they represent so that bold vision may be backed up by concrete action to prevent irreparable climate and a loss, not only to lives, livelihoods and biodiversity, but also a loss to the glory of God’s creation cf. Psalm 18 (19).

Organisation of the month

CAFOD is the official aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. It recognizes the impact that climate change has on the lives of all, particularly those in lesser economically developed countries. CAFOD will be present at COP26 amongst others to press for urgent action on climate in the light of the Gospel and Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*.

Think, Pray, Act

Pray: that God the Father, through the Holy Spirit and in the name of His Son, may fill you with wisdom from above so that you may know how to address social issues in the light of the Gospel;

Think: is there anything that you, your families and friends could do to reduce your impact on the environment?

Act: Visit www.cafod.org.uk for more information on your response to climate change, including ways in which you can sign a petition to the Prime Minister.

“Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do.” St. John Bosco, Letter to Cagliari, November 13th 1875