

# Justice, Peace and Life

May 2022

*Along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a “culture of care” which permeates all of society.”*

*-Pope Francis, Laudato Si’*



2022 DIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE  
**PUTTING LAUDATO SI' INTO ACTION**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
VIA ZOOM

WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS ON:  
ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION  
SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES  
ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS  
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

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**Keynote by Dan Misleh,  
Founder of Catholic Climate Covenant**

A national organization helping US Catholics respond to the Church's call to care for creation and the poor

Join with Catholics from around our diocese at our annual social ministry conference as we launch the Laudato Si' Action Platform. Register at [www.dor.org/conference](http://www.dor.org/conference)

Through the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](http://Laudato Si' Action Platform), we are asked to lead sustainable life-styles, in order to help stop climate change and the drought, flooding and famine it is causing. We would never want to bring such catastrophes on our own children, yet our overconsumption is bringing them on God's children in poorer parts of the world.

Calculate your “carbon footprint” to measure the greenhouse gas emissions you cause at [www.carbonfootprint.com](http://www.carbonfootprint.com)



Driving less, walking, biking, and using public transport more, and reducing the use of air conditioning are all small steps to protect our planet and our sisters and brothers. Be inconvenienced for the good of other members of God's family. You may be surprised at the graces you'll receive in return.

## Next Steps for Cryptocurrency Legislation

The bill on cryptocurrency that our Diocesan Public Policy Committee is supporting has **passed** the New York State Assembly!

This legislation places a **two-year moratorium** on **crypto-mining operations** housed in fossil-fuel burning power plants. This process uses an enormous amount of electricity and dumps heated water into waterways.

As this new industry evolves, its environmental impact isn't known. This proposed moratorium would require the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to perform a full environmental impact assessment and research the industry's effect on New York's ability to meet our climate goals.

Please help get this bill passed and signed into law:

Call your State Senator at 518-455-2800

Call Governor Hochul at 518-474-8390

and ask for their support of this moratorium.





The war in Ukraine is being bankrolled by the sale of fossil fuels. Let's reduce the power of authoritarian regimes and protect God's creation by reducing our dependence on coal, oil and natural gas, and call on our federal government to support alternative energy, like solar and wind power.

Go to:

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/>

to send messages to President Biden, Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand and your Congressional Representative.

### *Standing with Mothers and Children for Mother's Day*



The **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** (S. 1486) would make the workplace safer for pregnant workers and their unborn children by requiring employers to provide pregnant employees with reasonable accommodations. Common requests made by pregnant women include a chair for jobs that require long periods of standing up, a modified schedule, light duty for jobs that require heavy lifting, being able to carry a bottle of water, or permission to take additional breaks to use the restroom or drink water. Contact our senators here: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/92713/Respond>

Continue to **pray for Dobbs**. In the USA, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies a year. The case before the Supreme Court, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, could change that. The Mississippi law at stake in this case bans abortion after 15 weeks. The question before the Supreme Court is whether all pre-viability bans on elective abortions are unconstitutional. Please pray that the Justices will make a decision that protects the lives of babies in utero. See <https://www.prayfordobbs.com/>

### **Stop the Execution of Carman Deck**

The state of Missouri plans to execute Carman Deck on May 3, 2022. Mr. Deck has faced significant trauma throughout his life, including frequent neglect and physical abuse at the hands of his mother, constant food insecurity, and long periods of abandonment.

Please be a voice for the sanctity of life. Use this link to write the governor: [www.catholicmobilizing.org/action/2022-04/stop-execution-carman-deck](http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/action/2022-04/stop-execution-carman-deck)



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