

# WHY SHOULD CATHOLICS CARE ABOUT COP26?

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## Pope Francis cares (as do many faith leaders)

On Oct. 4, Francis & nearly 40 religious leaders called the climate crisis a grave threat and urged those in Glasgow to take speedy, responsible and shared action.

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## Paris Agreement wasn't the end, but a beginning

Along with submitting new, more ambitious emissions-reduction pledges required to respect the 1.5 C target, another important issue will be the financing to help less-industrialized nations adapt to and mitigate climate change.

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## Catholic social teaching is on the table, especially for the poor

The people suffering most from global warming have contributed least to the problem and have fewer resources to adapt and respond.

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## The climate is not waiting for governments to agree

While world leaders and diplomats debate and hash out details of the Paris Agreement, average global temperatures have continued to rise, with increasingly evident impacts.

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## The pandemic connection

What countries pledge in Glasgow will determine the kind of post-pandemic world we will live in. In the words of Pope Francis, "it is impossible to emerge from a crisis the same as before. Either we come out better or we come out worse."

"Let us pray so that the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor might be heard; that this meeting might offer concrete hope to future generations."

