



DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend John Arnold Bishop of Salford to the Children of the Diocese

To be read in all Schools in the week in the week commencing 11th October 2021

My Dear Young People,

You may remember that I wrote to you at the Feast of Pentecost about some important events that are happening in 2021, one of them being a meeting called **COP 26**.

Beginning on **1st November until 12th November** in Glasgow, **over 200 world leaders will meet for COP26, to discuss [climate change](#).**

At **COP26** governments and leaders from across the world will discuss and set targets to try to **reduce greenhouse gases** and **protect the planet**. The decisions made at this meeting will affect people all over the globe helping us all to work together to look after our common home.

The Earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder it belongs to all of us and we all have responsibility to look after this precious gift.

As we prepare for **COP26**, I would like you to try to do some or even all the ideas below:

- Find out some more facts about **COP26** and tell people in your school, class, family members and people in your neighbourhood why this meeting is so important – *you could make posters or a video to give this important information.*
- You may want to try the **CAFOD GO Green Challenge** or a green idea of your own (You could begin this before **COP26**, throughout **COP26** and even continue after!) Click [here](#) to find out more.

What is climate change?

Climate change (or global warming), is the process of our planet heating up. Climate change affects all living things – plants, animals, oceans, forests, human beings.



- If you haven't done so already, watch the CAFOD animation '[Eyes on the World](#)' Take part in the campaign - make pictures of eyes to show the eyes of the world are watching, and so are we! **Write to the government telling them to think about the world's poorest people as they make their decisions!**



- **Take time to pray**, giving thanks for the beautiful world we live in. Take time to pray that world leaders and governments will make the right decisions to help everyone in our global family.



- You could pray the CAFOD prayer below or write your own prayer. **Pray at home and school.**

Ask your teacher if you could lead daily prayers or plan a liturgy for each day of COP26, praying that decisions in the meeting will protect **our common home now and for future generations.**



"Stay with us, Lord, on our journey."

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+John'.

+John Arnold

Bishop of Salford