

Send a Message to the Brave

You've been leading your parish to speak up to restore creation - the precious gift of our loving God. So far our climate campaign, *Our Common Home*, has pushed for the UK to stop contributing to climate breakdown, and to put this into law. With success over the summer and as we move towards the end of the year, we want to highlight the work that environmental, land and human rights defenders do around the world to renew our common home.

In some areas of the world, speaking out to protect our common home is a dangerous act. These defenders protect half of the world's land, defend water, protect glaciers, rainforests and their courage and commitment helps to keep greenhouse gases in check for all of us. Activists are increasingly being threatened and killed. In 2018, 164 people were killed for protecting their land from industries like mining and logging.

And it's not just the environment. Brave individuals and communities risk everything to speak up for peace and human rights too.

This needs to stop. Defending Our Common Home shouldn't be deadly.

Please encourage people in your parish to remember these brave women and men this Christmas by sending them a Christmas card or a message online. In the face of threats, show them that they aren't alone in their fight.

Read the leaflet enclosed in this update for more information.



» Visit cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave to learn more

Happy 25th birthday Fairtrade!

The Fairtrade Foundation is celebrating 25 years of Fairtrade products in the UK! CAFOD co-founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992 along with Christian Aid, Oxfam, Traidcraft, the World Development Movement and the National Federation of Women's Institutes. It's fantastic to see it still going strong!

Fairtrade vs Fairly Traded

In 2017, Sainsbury's decided to abandon Fairtrade certification on some of their own-brand teas and pilot their own scheme instead known as 'Fairly Traded'. We were worried this could mean an unfair deal for poor farmers.

You spoke out

Thanks to your campaigning, Sainsbury's has not introduced any more Fairly Traded-branded products. In fact, they stock four more Fairtrade coffee lines and two more Fairtrade tea lines! And trust in Fairtrade went UP as a result of our campaign!

We will keep our eyes peeled for any further movement.

» Visit cafod.org.uk/fairtrade

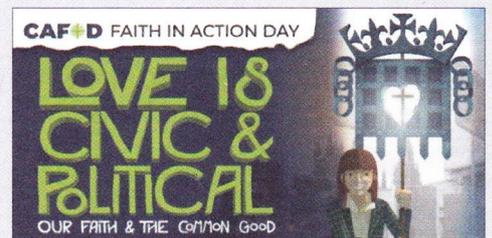


Have you got...

» 2 minutes?

Sign up for a CAFOD Faith in Action day near you.

cafod.org.uk/events



» 10 minutes?

Write a Message to the Brave!

» 30 minutes?

Nominate someone inspiring for a Green Heart Hero Award

theclimatecoalition.org/greenhearthero

CAFOD Campaigns Update – October 2019

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Nominate your Green Heart Heroes!



Do you know a community that is inspiring change or an initiative that is helping make real, sustainable action?

The Green Heart Hero Awards are our chance to give a big round of applause to the movers, shakers and doers who are paving the way to a cleaner future.

This year's ceremony saw over 40 MPs from across all major political parties turn up as well as other incredibly people from the world of sport and business leaders, well known TV personalities, and inspirational community members.

How to nominate

There will be many categories that you can nominate people under.

Nominations open in November.

» Visit theclimatcoalition.org/greenhearthero



Coming soon:

What: Global Caring

When: We will enclose leaflets in the next Update

Where: Your parish

How: Global Healing & Global Caring are film-based events for parishes, groups and individuals. They will inform, challenge and equip people to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to Care For Our Common Home.

» Visit ourcommonhome.co.uk for more information



Pray for the Defenders

Jesus, our Emmanuel - God-with-us.

Lead us now to stand alongside the brave women and men who risk everything to protect the earth and defend the most vulnerable among us.

Let us reach out in love so they may know they do not stand alone.

Amen.



Meet Sally...

Sally Chapman is a CAFOD campaigner. She took part in the prayer bridge run by Christian Climate Action in early October. She tells us what motivates her.



I have lived in Devon for over 30 years where I brought up my daughter and worked in housing and homelessness in a local Christian housing charity for many years. I'm an active member of St James' Catholic Parish in Tiverton.

As a Christian I feel compelled to protect God's creation of which we are part with all its beauty and diversity that sustains us in so many ways.

The government is failing to protect the future for our younger generation. For the first time in history we know for certain that future generations will be worse off than we are. The UK Parliament has declared a climate emergency, yet they carry on with business as usual.

The courts will be clogged up with activists such as myself until Government takes the action necessary to secure our futures.

» Speak out against climate breakdown cafod.org.uk/climate

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