



## Parishes start planning their 7 station journey

Our new campaign **Fix the Food System** is fully underway! Over 4,000 CAFOD supporters have already emailed Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, calling on the government to implement its COP26 commitments and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and put local communities first.

At the same time, parishes and schools are being invited to organise activities as a way of joining in with the campaign.

Last month we sent you a copy of this leader's guide, and a participants' leaflet, for our parish activity, **Fix the Food System: a 7 station journey**.

*If you didn't receive the materials, please order a copy of each at [shop.cafod.org.uk](http://shop.cafod.org.uk). Please also drop a line to your local CAFOD coordinator, or Helen in the campaigns team ([hmooseley@cafod.org.uk](mailto:hmooseley@cafod.org.uk)) so that we can check you'll receive things in future.*

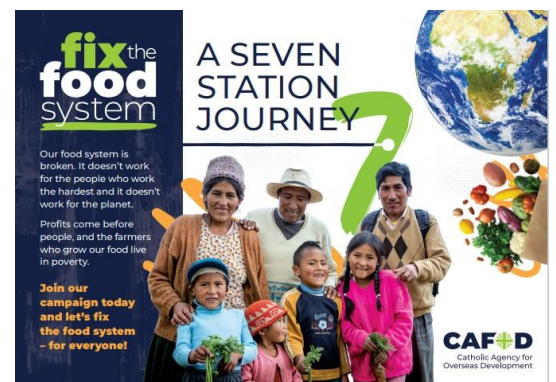
Parish groups are now discussing when to hold their 7 stations activity. Some volunteers are thinking of holding it outside and incorporating some walking. Some are considering breaking the seven stations down and inviting people to stay for one per week at the end of Mass. Do share your ideas with us and we can share them with others – just email Helen at [hmooseley@cafod.org.uk](mailto:hmooseley@cafod.org.uk).



The CAFOD group at St Mary's parish in Harborne, Birmingham met the week after they received the resources. Chair of the group, Dr Gwyn Harris, said, "We read through the seven stations together, using different voices for variety, and then we chatted about how and when to run this in the parish and involve our fellow parishioners in this campaign. We're meeting again soon to set the date and decide whether to hold it inside or outside."

### One leaflet per person!

Don't forget that you need to order one leaflet for each person who will join the stations activity. This is because the action card that each person is invited to sign is contained within the leaflet (right). Order your leaflets at [shop.cafod.org.uk](http://shop.cafod.org.uk)



### Extra resources to help you:

We have a two-page **Supporter Briefing** and a longer **policy briefing** for more background on the campaign. You can direct others to if they have lots of questions. See [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food)

NEW! We have a set of **luminous mysteries of the rosary** for an end to hunger. Use them on your own to reflect and pray, or with a group. [cafod.org.uk/Pray/Pray-the-rosary](http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Pray-the-rosary)

# African faith leaders' statement on a People's Vaccine

For many of us, vaccines have meant that the pandemic seems to be slipping into history. But the pandemic is still with us. Most people in low-income countries still haven't had a jab. Billions are unprotected and at risk of illness and death.

Rich countries have made multiple pledges to provide vaccines to poorer nations. But they've failed to properly deliver on those pledges – and are even supplying vaccines which are too close to their expiry date to be used.

As part of the People's Vaccine Alliance, CAFOD recently signed a joint statement by African faith leaders calling for immediate action on the global pandemic response. Part of the text reads:

"The global pandemic is far from over. More than 6,000 people are dying from Covid-19 each day and cases are on the rise. We urge world leaders to act with compassion and ensure the world's most vulnerable people have access to lifesaving Covid-19 vaccines, tests and treatment...

...Only 20% of the population on the African continent have had their first vaccine, which is in stark contrast to many wealthy countries where over a third have received their third dose. We urge world leaders not to see this statistic as just a number, but as a reminder that each statistic represents a human being. A human being who deserves dignity and the ability to thrive in a post-pandemic world."

Keep up to date at [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](https://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)



## Food and farming from Genesis to the modern day

Francis Stewart from our Theology Programme reflects on the issues with our farming and food

systems and how they can be seen to stretch right back to biblical times, and considers the inspiration we can take from St Isidore the farm-worker. See [blog.cafod.org.uk](https://blog.cafod.org.uk)



RENEW event: Young adults gathered at CAFOD's main offices last month to discuss how to play their part in challenging the root causes that drive poverty, injustice and the climate crisis.



## Meet Father Augustine...

**Father Augustine Ghado is Assistant Priest at St Bart's parish in Norbury, south London. You might have seen him on our social media! He tells us why our Fix the Food System campaign resonates with him.**

"The Fix the Food System campaign championed by CAFOD is trying to challenge the imbalance that we find between agribusiness and small communities. It is about the alternative way of farming that is ethical, that is acceptable, that helps our bleeding earth that needs urgent attention, care and nurturing.

Thank you so much for supporting this campaign, standing in solidarity with small communities all over the world who are involved in farming. This will go a long way to support and help them to sustain and provide for their immediate community without exploiting the earth, which is our common home."

**Read more about our campaign at [cafod.org.uk/food](https://cafod.org.uk/food)**

### CAFOD Campaigns Update – June 2022

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