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**Date:** September 18, 2017  
**To:** Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Principals and Chancery Staff  
**CC:** Parish Secretaries  
**From:** Paula Gwynn Grant, Director, Office of Communications  
**Re:** 2017 Green Mass

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The Archdiocese of Atlanta will celebrate its second annual Green Mass for all who volunteer or work in “green jobs” or environmental sustainability, and for all those who love planet earth, on Wednesday, October 4th, the feast of St. Francis, at 12:15 p.m.

This Mass will be held at The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the celebrant.

In June 2015, Pope Francis released his Encyclical “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.” In it, he challenges us to reflect on the ways we use our resources and care for God’s creation.

Here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Archbishop Gregory asked the environmental scientists at the University of Georgia (UGA) to create a local Action Plan to help us know the best ways – from the easy to the advanced – to be better stewards of planet Earth. Visit our [website](#) to read our Action Plan and the progress we’ve made since its implementation.

We invite you to join us for this special Mass, on the feast day of St. Francis, as we share in the beauty of God’s creation and pray for those who work diligently to protect our planet. You are also invited to join us for a luncheon following the Mass featuring Georgia grown produce.

Please share this information in your parish bulletins, newsletters and social media, as well as use this [slide](#) for your closed circuit TVs. More information is also available on our [website](#).