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Memo

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To: All Clergy and Religious, Bulletin Editors, Parish/School Communications, Social Action Ministers, Care for Creation Ministers, DREs, Youth and Young Adult Ministers

From: Kat Doyle, Director of Justice & Peace Ministries; Office of Life, Dignity and Justice

Re: Catholic Earth Day 2019

All Creation Gives God Praise: Protecting Biodiversity

The 2019 Catholic Earth Day program is now available for download! "*All Creation Gives God Praise: Protecting Biodiversity in a Time of Climate Crisis*," complements the Earth Day Network's 2019 theme, "*Protect Our Species*."

As this year's Earth Day falls on Easter Monday, April 22, we encourage parishes to celebrate the following weekend or any weekend during the Easter season. Schools are encouraged to work Catholic Earth Day into their curriculum as appropriate.

All living things have an intrinsic value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species: bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales and more. The diversity and the populations of the species around us and upon which we depend, are declining at alarming rates. However, we can act to protect our species, through our individual actions and our communities, nationally, and globally.

Grounded in Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and *Laudato Si'*, this year's Catholic Earth Day program will help mobilize the Catholic community to take urgent action to protect all of God's creation.

The Catholic Earth Day one-hour educational program includes prayers, readings, a short video, and suggested activities. **The following links will allow you to download the Catholic Earth Day resources as well as The Earth Day Network's resources.**

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/earth-day>

<https://www.earthday.org/campaigns/endangered-species/earthday2019/>