



Fifth Day of Climate Change Novena

Outreach to Investors and Communication to ExxonMobil - April 25, 2017

Prayer:

Let us align ourselves with ever present HOLY WISDOM who, "roaming from one end of the Earth to other, seeks to order all things for good." (*Wisdom 7:26*) .

Silent Reflection: We remind ourselves of our place in time and our connectedness with those who have gone before us, and those who will come after us, as well as those living now

Readings:

"We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it. We are coming of age on a finite planet and only just now recognizing that it is finite. How we make a transition to a stabilized and still prosperous relationship with Earth and each other is the story of our time."

Our faith traditions and sacred texts call upon us all to consider the spiritual dimension of the crisis of climate change, to exercise leadership in putting the long-term interest of humanity and the planet—the common good-- ahead of the short term concerns.

" Love, incarnate and indwelling in the world, summons the world always toward wholeness. "
- Wendell Berry

Silent Reflection

A Litany of Life

We live in relation to all things, all things live within us.

We live by the sun, we move with the stars.

We eat from the Earth, we drink from the rain, we breathe from the air.

We share with all creatures; we have strength through their gifts.

We have the privilege of seeing and understanding; we have responsibility of caring and protecting; we have the joy of celebrating.

We are full of the grace of creation.

We are grateful; we rejoice in all life.

Amen, Amen.

Study:

Many of our Congregations have been working with corporations on climate change since the early 1990s. While we work with companies in all sectors, one focus has been on ExxonMobil, because they funded much of the dis-information (lies) about climate change over the decades.

This year 54 institutional investors (representing \$4.5 trillion in assets under management) led by the State of New York Common Retirement Program and the Church of England are asking the company to engage in scenario planning based on the 2° Celsius commitment agreed to in the Paris Climate Treaty. Seven of the 54 investors are Dominican institutions. The attached shareholder resolution needs your help to deliver greater support.

On a positive note, in response to the Executive Order rolling back the Clean Power Plan, ExxonMobil made public their letter to the White House supporting the Paris Climate Treaty.



Act:

First, after you have spent some time reading and reflecting, choose one or two principles with which you particularly resonate.

- What are ways that the principle(s) could be embodied individually in your local area or community?
- What are global situations that need the application of this principle? How can you speak out on behalf of that principle(s)?

Second, name or learn about a local sustainable development issue in your local community.

- Which of the Earth Charter principles (and perhaps there is more than one) relates to the issue? How?
- How would this situation change over time if the principle(s) were practiced as you envision they could be?

And third, can you commit to the spirit and aims of the Earth Charter? Write in your journal some tangible and measurable way you can do that.

Source of prayer: Thomas Friedman; Canadian Interfaith Call; Irish Catholic Bishops