

Video of Greta Thunberg addressing world leaders at the U.N.

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Response from All Saints Parish Faith Formation students:

"Good evening/morning. I'm here representing the children of All Saints Parish. Last Sunday the students in grades 4 - 10 also watched this video. Then we discussed what we felt and what we would say to you. Then Molly Clinton took our thoughts summarized them in the following letter."

Dear All Saints Parishioners,

As kids, we will be the ones to inherit the world, however you leave it. We will have to live on and raise our kids on it. The climate crisis affects us the most. So here are our thoughts on it:

The climate crisis makes us scared. If it continues we will have no future. We shouldn't have to worry if Earth will be too polluted for us to live on when we grow up. You have to listen to young people, like Greta. We don't want to be known as the generation that could've saved the Earth. So big change needs to happen now. To do this, there needs to be laws regulating the use of fossil fuels and investing in renewable energy. Not only big things, but also each of us needs to make a sacrifice. Ride public transportation, use reusable bags, get solar panels, avoid fossil fuels and plastic, and walk to more places. We also need to teach others how bleak the situation is through discussion.

So please, remember that your actions today not only affect you but also the generations to come.

Sincerely,
The Kids of All Saints

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As Disciples of Christ, let us stand and, if we choose, respond affirmatively to the challenge laid before us by our children and generations to come, by committing ourselves to work in faith to address the climate crisis:

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We come together this day to profess our *faith* in God who is Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.

Our faith teaches us that God speaks through the beauty of Creation, and, in fact, became one of us in the Incarnation. As disciples of Jesus, son of God and son of Mary, and recognizing our interdependence with all God's creatures, we now have an opportunity to renew our commitment to working as collaborators in Creation in all we do:

Please indicate your response by proclaiming "WE WILL" to each of the following

- WILL we renew our covenant with our Creator and with one another to love and respect life in all forms?

WE WILL

- WILL we commit ourselves to discern the difference between a want and a need — that we may live simply so that others may simply live?

WE WILL

- WILL we commit ourselves to put aside our differences and work together to ensure that the world, all our human sisters and brothers, and all Creation will see tomorrow?

WE WILL

- WILL we commit ourselves anew to heal injustice and poverty where ever it exists?

WE WILL

- WILL we commit ourselves to restore the damage we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of life?

WE WILL

As Catholic Christians, we pledge ourselves – in faith – to always and everywhere pray, act and advocate in love and respect for all God's Creation.

AMEN