

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
April 26, 2026

# From the Pastor's Desk | April 26, 2026

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | CHRIST OUR HOPE

Dear Friends,

During this extraordinary time, we partnered with our ecumenical and interfaith friends to write the following public letter. I commend it to your reading, and your consideration to add your signature if you feel so moved.

Father Gary

**A**t a time when armed conflicts proliferate, and democracies strain under polarization and the coercion of autocrats, truth itself is contested and trust for moral authority stands at a crossroads. This week, we are seeing how religion is used as a balm – or a blade.

Around the world, sacred traditions are being invoked to justify violence, exclusion, and domination of our neighbors. Political opportunists wrap themselves in the mantle of religious language, while advancing policies that erode human dignity and render us suspicious of empathy, the moral adhesive of any healthy society. Meanwhile, billions of everyday religious adherents – across faiths – daily practice compassion, service, and humility, even when drowned out by louder, more divisive voices.

This tension has come into stark relief this week in exchanges between Donald Trump and Pope Leo XIV. One sees a world enshrined in avarice and ambition; the other invites us into a moral universe guided by the pursuit of peace as a global virtue.

Pope Leo says he is not afraid of Donald Trump, or presumably any autocrat clothed in the vain and ruinous garments of omnipotence. The Pope is only one human being, but his service at the margins, his courage in truth-telling, and his indictment of the forces that would manipulate and destroy whole civilizations, is a compelling mandate to act. Pope Leo's words while strong and encouraging require more human beings who claim love and fearlessness, together.

When religion becomes a political blade, it loses its prophetic power, ceases to challenge injustice and instead sanctifies it. This is not new – but it is newly dangerous in an era of global instability and instant amplification.

This week we witness not only a choice between Trump's unbridled autocracy and Pope Leo's undaunted faith. We witness ourselves, our choice to be remade now, in our time. We must

concert our collective work toward justice or languish under moral death and the finality of a civilization in decline.

Religious traditions, in all their diversity, share common moral ground: the dignity of every human being, the call to care for the vulnerable, the imperative of truthfulness, and the pursuit of peace. These are not abstract ideals; they are actionable principles every day. They demand our courage; they require us to forge serious albeit imperfect bonds as close as those who founded and framed us for life on this planet undeniably suspended in all this black wonder and awe.

When political authority berates moral authority – such as the recent public attack of a US President on the Vicar of Christ – meanness should never be given a pass.

This world need not be anemic of integrity, purpose, and reverence. Our story must exude these and more. We require leaders who engage religion with humility, and religious voices that speak truth to power without fear or favor.

In this moment of global uncertainty, the world does not need more righteous rhetoric. It needs more of Pope Leo's moral clarity. It needs more of you as well.

## Signatories

- Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle
- Rabbi Daniel Weiner, Senior Rabbi, Temple de Hirsch Sinai
- Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, Bishop, Northwest Synod, ELCA
- Rev. Spencer Barrett, Presiding Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Rev. Dr. Michael Reid Trice, PhD., CEIE-Seattle University, Executive Director and Spehar-Halligan Professor
- Very Reverend Gary F. Lazzeroni, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Seattle; Pastor, St. James Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, and Christ Our Hope

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# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## The Introductory Rites

PRELUDE

“Pastorale” from *Sonata 1 in D Minor*, Op. 42  
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1901)

ENTRANCE

*The King of love my shepherd is*  
ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My  
 3. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 4. You spread a ta - ble in my sight; Your  
 5. And so through all the length of days Your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 ran - somed soul he's lead - ing, And where the ver - dant  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me, Your rod and staff my  
 sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what trans - port  
 good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 of de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!  
 sing your praise With - in your house for ev - er.

RITE OF SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

*I saw water*  
Peter Latona (b. 1968)



I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the right side of the




Tem - ple, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GLORIA

*New Mass for Congregations*  
Carroll Thomas Andrews (1918–2014)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We



praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for




your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al - mighty Fa - ther.

*Choir or Cantor:* LORD Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

COLLECT

*The Liturgy of the Word*

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23  
Dom Gregory Murray, OSB (1902–1992)



The Lord is my shep - herd, noth - ing shall I want: he



leads me by safe paths, noth - ing shall I fear.

SECOND READING

I Peter 2:20b-25

ALLELUIA

chant, *O filii et filiae*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOMILY

Father Gary Lazzeroni (10:00am)  
 Father Michael G. Ryan (all other Masses)

PROFESSION OF FAITH *During Eastertide, we pray the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

[ALL BOW]

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
 born of the Virgin Mary,

[ALL STAND UPRIGHT]

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)



Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

### *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE OFFERINGS

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS** Please follow the directions of the ushers and come forward to the altar with your offering. If you give online, you are still encouraged to participate in the procession!  
 Use one of the white envelopes in the pews and simply drop it in the basket.

Offertory (10:00)

*Brother James' Air*  
 Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

The LORD'S my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie  
 In pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restored again, and me to walk doth make  
 Within the Paths of Blessedness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill,  
 For Thou art with me and thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
 My head with oil Thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;  
 And in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

Psalm 23, paraphrased

(Sunday evening)

*Loving shepherd of my sheep*  
 Marie Pooler (1928–2013)

SANCTUS

St. James Mass for Peace  
Bern H. Herbolzheimer

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts.  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Bern H. Herbolzheimer

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your  
 Cross and Re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

AMEN

Bern H. Herbolzheimer

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER No. 246

AGNUS DEI

Bern H. Herbolzheimer

Response 1, 2

Have mer - cy on us.

Response 3

Grant us peace.\_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNION

*Ego sum pastor bonus*

I am the good shepherd, alleluia;  
I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia, alleluia.

Mode II

(10:00)

*Hymn to St. Peter*

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Thou shalt make them Princes over all the earth: They shall remember thy name, O LORD.  
 Instead of thy fathers, Sons are born to thee: There for shall the people praise thee, Alleluia.  
 Thou art Peter, And upon this rock I will build my church, Alleluia.  
 Gradual of the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

**When you return to your place after receiving Holy Communion, please KNEEL OR BE SEATED.  
 Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the presider's chair.**



1. Good Shep-herd, you know us, you call us by name.
2. Good Shep-herd, you warn us of rob - bers and thieves,
3. Good Shep-herd, you lay down your life for the sheep.
4. At one with the Fa - ther, you made your-self known:



You lead us; we glad - ly ac - knowl-edge your claim.  
The hire - ling, the wolf who de - stroys and de - ceives.  
Your love is not fick - le, your gift is not cheap.  
"I am the Good Shep-herd," at one with your own.



Your voice has com - pelled us; we come at your call.  
All praise for your prom - ise on which we shall stand,  
You spend your life free - ly, you take it a - gain;  
You loved us be - fore we had heed - ed or heard;



And none you have cho - sen will fi - nal - ly fall.  
That no one can snatch us from out of your hand.  
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.  
By grace we re - spond to your life - giv - ing word.

## FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## PROCESSION

"Les cloches de Hinckley" from *Pièces de Fantaisie, Suite IV*  
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

### PASTOR

The Very Reverend Gary F. Lazzeroni

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### CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

#### MASS

Sundays 8:00am - 10:00am - 12 Noon - 5:30pm

Weekdays 8:00am (M, T, W, Th, F, S) & 12:10pm (M,W,F)

Saturdays 8:00am & "Vigil" 5:30pm

#### VEPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00pm

#### CONFESSIONS/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 8:30am-9:30am (following 8:00am Mass) and by appointment

**BAPTISM** Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Contact Patty Pruitt for information, 206-274-3108.

**MARRIAGE** Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Margaret Lynch, Wedding Office, 206-382-4854.

**ANOINTING of the SICK** In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death.

**FUNERALS** for parishioners, Yanti Kapoyos, 206-382-4288

**TRIBUNAL ADVOCATES** The parish has several advocates ready to assist with marriage cases (commonly called 'annulments'). Information, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

**CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE** Open weekdays 11-3 and after weekend Masses

**CATHEDRAL COLUMBARIUM** Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284

**CATHEDRAL KITCHEN** serves dinner Monday to Friday, 4pm—4:45pm, and breakfast on Sundays, 7am—8am. All are welcome.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026

**W**ELCOME, VISITORS! *If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Please note that restrooms are located at the Terry and Marion entrance to the Cathedral (the Portico).*

**ON THE COVER** Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you." Stained glass window, south transept, St. James Cathedral. Charles Connick, artist.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** are offered by Teresa Murphy in memory of Jan Harbutiak.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** After the 10:00am Mass, gather in Cathedral Hall for mini blueberry cornmeal muffins from Macrina Bakery, fruit, coffee, and the chance to visit with fellow parishioners.

**YOUTH MINISTRY LISTENING SESSION** Blake Steller, our new Youth and Young Adult Director, invites parents and teens to a listening session to help shape the future of youth ministry in our parish family: Thursday, April 30 at 7:00pm at the Pastoral Outreach Center. *Information or to RSVP,* [bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org) or 907-244-6683.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU** A young woman has experienced multiple health issues. After being hospitalized for one condition, she experienced side effects that resulted in a lack of balance and a broken bone. Unable to secure more than a part-time temporary job, she started applying for disability benefits and found that procedure to be long and discouraging. She was unable to find relief from her immediate financial situation. This neighbor called the helpline at 206-767-6449 (or online <https://svdpseattle.org/get-help/online-help-request-form/>).. Because of your donations and support of the SVdP ministry, we were able to pay a portion of her rent and give her some financial relief. *Information,* Blake Steller, 907244-6683 or [blsteller@gmail.com](mailto:blsteller@gmail.com).

**PARISH REMEMBRANCE** *Throughout the year, because we are the Cathedral Church, we remember in prayer at Mass and Vespers each parish family in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This week we pray for the parish family of St. Rose, Longview; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kelso; St. Mary, Castle Rock; St. Catherine, Cathlamet; and St. Joseph, Kalama.*

**A WONDERFUL YEAR OF CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PARENT GATHERINGS** We extend our heartfelt thanks to Corinna Laughlin for her inspiring presentation at the Children's Faith Formation Parent Gathering on April 19. As our guest speaker, Corinna shared beautiful insights from her new booklet, *Draw into the Beauty of God: Our Participation in the Liturgy*, inviting families to more deeply encounter the richness of the Mass. Each family in attendance received a complimentary copy, provided by the Children's Faith Formation program. We also thank all of our families for their wonderful participation in this year's monthly parent gatherings. Your presence, engagement, and commitment to growing in faith together have been a true gift to our community. We are happy to share that these gatherings will continue next school year through the Children's Faith Formation offerings, and we look forward to continuing this time of connection and formation together. *For more information about the 2026-2027 Children's Faith Formation and Parent Gatherings*, Tami Kowal, tkowal@stjames-cathedral.org.

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!** Join us for a night of peace and prayer at Taizé on Friday, May 1 at 6:30pm. Through candlelight, music, and silence, encounter God in a powerful way. Afterward, we'll gather for fellowship and refreshments in the Pastoral Outreach Center. *Questions, or to RSVP*, Blake Steller, bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or 907-244-6683.

**CATHEDRAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** A Catholic education is one of the most important gifts you can give your child. St. James Cathedral provides scholarships to Cathedral children attending the Rainbow Schools (St. Joseph, St. Therese, St. George, Holy Family Bilingual), and the Simperman Scholars Program provides scholarships to those attending O'Dea, Holy Names, Bishop Blanchet, or Kennedy Catholic. Scholarships are awarded annually to parish families who demonstrate financial need and are actively involved in the parish through their gift of time, talent, and treasure. **Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are due April 30, 2026.** *Information or to request an application*, Patty Pruitt, 206-274-3108 or ppruitt@stjames-cathedral.org.

**SENIOR SPRING SING-ALONG** All St James Seniors are invited to a sing-along event and luncheon on Wednesday, April 29, 11am-1pm, we will sing familiar songs and then enjoy lunch together! Held in the Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. Registration required by April 24. *Information*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

**MORNING MOBILITY** Due to scheduling conflicts, **there will be no Morning Mobility in May.** We'll resume on Saturday, June 13, 11:00am-11:45am. Through 45 minutes of gentle, guided movements, you'll improve flexibility, ease joint stiffness and muscle tightness, and learn mobility exercises you can continue practicing at home. No matter your age or fitness level, this class is for you! *Information or to RSVP*, Blake Steller, 907-244-6683 or blake@stellercoaching.com.

**MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC** Seattle and King Co Public Health are offering free monthly foot clinics and blood pressure checks, first Wednesday of every month, 1-4pm, held at Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St. The next session will be Wednesday, May 6. No registration required.

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP** Held on the third Friday of every month, 10-11:30am, at the Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia St (enter at the gate). All are welcome for spiritual support; we offer prayer, support, and community. The next session will be Friday, May 15. *Information*, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269 or aralls@stjames-cathedral.org.

**IN OUR OWN VOICE PRESENTATION** Attend this free 60-minute presentation by trained NAMI Seattle presenters living in recovery from mental health conditions, open to anyone who wants to learn more about mental health, Sponsored by the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry, Saturday, May 16, 11am-12pm, Pastoral Outreach Center. *Information*, Anisa Ralls, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4269

**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT RETREAT** The Healing Power of Forgiveness, Saturday, May 23, 9am-4pm, Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue. Free retreat sponsored by NAMI Eastside and led by Joe Stevens, Holy Family Church Kirkland. The day will focus on the importance of mind, body, and spirit in making one whole and healthy. We will reflect on the power of forgiveness in the healing process. Space is limited to 30. Registration required. *Information or to register*, stevensfmly@msn.com.

**SEASON OF FAITHFUL WITNESS: MASS AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WITH ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE** Monday, May 25, 10am – 1pm As part of the nationwide Season of Faithful Witness, Catholics throughout western Washington will gather to pray for our immigrants brothers and sisters, promoting their human dignity through public action. Archbishop Etienne will preside at Mass at St. Leo Church in Tacoma then lead a Eucharistic Procession to the Northwest Immigrant Detention Center. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, 206-382-4515, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

**ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT WHO DESIRES TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH AND HELP BUILD SOMETHING MEANINGFUL WITHIN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY?** We are forming a young adult leadership team to help shape the future of young adult ministry across our parish family. If you're interested in being part of this mission, I'd love to connect with you. *Information*, Blake Steller, bsteller@stjames-cathedral.org or text 907-244-6683.

## Sacred Steps

**REST IN PEACE** Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Joel Connelly* and *Frederick Herb*.

# RESURRECTION

Contemplative Prayer  
with music from Taizé

**Friday, May 1, 2026**

**6:30pm**

St. James Cathedral

*Jesus our peace,  
by the Holy Spirit  
you always come to us.  
And in the deepest part of our soul,  
there is the wonder of a presence.  
Our prayer may be quite poor,  
but you pray within us.*

Brother Alois of Taizé

On the first Friday of each month, all are welcome to a contemplative prayer in the Cathedral, with song, silence, and candlelight. The service includes the meditative chants of the ecumenical Taizé community in France, founded by Brother Roger Schutz as a sign of reconciliation after World War II.





# Living in Authoritarian Times

Photo by [Meizhi Lang](#) on [Unsplash](#)

This workshop offers Catholic grounding, shared learning, and lived experience as we discern faithful responses to authoritarianism today — and explore the kinds of actions people can take.

## PRESENTATIONS & LIVED EXPERIENCE PANEL

Saturday, May 2nd: 9:30 am – Noon  
St. James Cathedral Hall (Columbia St.)

Presented by Pax Christi Seattle -  
Parking available on street or at O'Dea High School Lot

### SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

Donna Teevan, PhD, Associate Professor, Seattle University's  
Department of Theology and Religious Studies  
"Church Teaching on Democracy, Freedom, and Tyranny"



Sharon Spence-Wilcox, tenured Reference and Instruction  
Librarian at Seattle Central College  
"Understanding Authoritarianism and Autocracy."



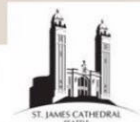
**Lived Experience Panel** - Individuals who have lived under authoritarian regimes will share their experiences and highlight the kinds of actions people can take.

Security guidelines – no audio,  
no video, no sharing of what  
people have said on social  
media

Register using QR code or  
<https://forms.gle/FFLZHmbSbAdDLdwy8>  
More info: [paxchristi@stjosephparish.org](mailto:paxchristi@stjosephparish.org)



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# Poem of the Month

## LIVE ON ZOOM

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**Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
7:00pm-8:30pm**

This month, the Poem of the Month is going live! In this special online presentation, we'll explore four poems for Mary's Month by Malcolm Guite, Richard Crashaw, Jessica Powers, and Gerard Manley Hopkins. Scott Webster and Lisa Matchette will read the poems and Corinna Laughlin will offer commentary and context for each. All are welcome!

*Mary Immaculate,  
Merely a woman, yet  
Whose presence, power is  
Great as no goddess's  
Was deemèd, dreamèd; who  
This one work has to do—  
Let all God's glory through.*

**Registration required to receive  
the Zoom link.**

*Information or to register, Corinna  
Laughlin, [claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-284-2086.*

# ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL CARE FOR CREATION EARTH DAY NEWS

The Care for Creation Committee of St. James Cathedral, uplifted by *Laudato Si'*, informs and inspires our parishioners and our communities to revere God through respectful stewardship of Creation. Attentive to the cries of the Earth and of the poor, we encourage all people to advocate for equitable and sustainable solutions to the climate crisis through prayer, education, and action.



This past week, people throughout the world celebrated Earth Day. This year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet", serves as a call to stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of the home we share. We welcome you to stand with us as we share changes in U.S. climate policy, the importance that the Catholic Church places in caring for our common home, and what you can do to take action through the Cathedral's Care for Creation Committee.

## Did you know?

According to the *Harvard Law School Environmental and Energy Law Program*, which tracks changes to U.S. environmental law, after a significant decades-long advance in preventing pollution, the following major changes are planned, under review, or have occurred over the past twelve months (2025-2026), impacting *air pollution protections* for human and environmental health across the U.S.:

- EPA proposes limiting regulation of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) emissions
- EPA reconsiders National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone, Particulates
- EPA rescinds finding that greenhouse gas emissions contribute to air pollution harming human health and welfare – the basis of regulating vehicle emissions, power plants and oil and gas production emissions
- EPA rescinds Clean Car rules limiting or eliminating emissions standards

## Seeing progress closer to home

Recent measures in the Washington legislature have increased environmental accountability, while reducing air pollution and resource degradation. By measuring carbon emissions and reinvesting in climate resiliency, Washington State is breaking new ground in environmental policy.

## Environmental Advocacy from the Washington State Catholic Conference

### *A greater voice*

Dedicated to supporting life, justice and peace the Washington State Catholic Conference ([wacatholics.org](http://wacatholics.org)) advocates policies promoting the common good. The WSCC contends, "...the common good demands a proper respect for the land, the air and the water..."

### *Legislative action*

- A bill passed, requiring independent power facilities that serve data centers to comply with Washington's emissions-reduction law
- Right to Repair laws (HB1483/SB5689) will enhance consumer rights and reduce waste.

## Hearing the Call of *Laudato Si'* – Inspiring Leadership

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*, Pope Francis encouraged being open to "...the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." It was a bold call-to-action, linking spirituality and faith to care for God's creation.

On the eve of Ash Wednesday this year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued *An Invitation to Ecological Conversion for U.S. Catholics*. It emphasizes that:

- the world is "hurtling toward unsustainable climate conditions" that threaten human flourishing;
- Catholics need to listen to "the cries of [God's] children around the world whose livelihoods are impacted by our own actions and lifestyles" and;
- environmental responsibility is a moral and spiritual obligation, not a political preference.



## Call to Action: Ways to Engage/What You Can Do

- Read *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical (papal teaching) on the environment,



or listen to or read this summary:  
<https://capp-usa.org/2025/03/laudato-si-summary/>

- Learn about *The Climate Crisis and U.S. Catholic Responses* through the Washington State Catholic Conference's May 14, 12pm webinar with Dan Misleh of the Catholic Climate Covenant:  
<https://bit.ly/48CSPHH>
- Join the **St. James Care for Creation Committee's** next meeting, May 6 at 6:30pm. Contact Patrick Barredo ([pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org) | 206-382-4515).

- The **Laudato Si Movement's Washington State chapter** works together to save God's creation. Contact Jessica Palmer ([palmerj@SeattleU.edu](mailto:palmerj@SeattleU.edu)) to find out more.