



# DIOCESE OF SALFORD

## *Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend John Arnold Bishop of Salford to the Children of the Diocese*

*To be read in all Schools in the week in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

My Dear Young People,

You may remember that I wrote to you at the Feast of Pentecost about some important events that are happening in 2021, one of them being a meeting called **COP 26**.

Beginning on **1<sup>st</sup> November until 12<sup>th</sup> November** in Glasgow, **over 200 world leaders will meet for COP26, to discuss [climate change](#).**

At **COP26** governments and leaders from across the world will discuss and set targets to try to **reduce greenhouse gases** and **protect the planet**. The decisions made at this meeting will affect people all over the globe helping us all to work together to look after our common home.

*The Earth is God's gift to us*, full of beauty and wonder it belongs to all of us and we all have responsibility to look after this precious gift.

As we prepare for **COP26**, I would like you to try to do some or even all the ideas below:

- Find out some more facts about **COP26** and tell people in your school, class, family members and people in your neighbourhood why this meeting is so important – *you could make posters or a video to give this important information.*
- You may want to try the **CAFOD GO Green Challenge** or a green idea of your own (You could begin this before **COP26**, throughout **COP26** and even continue after!) Click [here](#) to find out more.

### **What is climate change?**

Climate change (or global warming), is the process of our planet heating up. Climate change affects all living things – plants, animals, oceans, forests, human beings.



- If you haven't done so already, watch the CAFOD animation '[Eyes on the World](#)' Take part in the campaign - make pictures of eyes to show the eyes of the world are watching, and so are we! **Write to the government telling them to think about the world's poorest people as they make their decisions!**

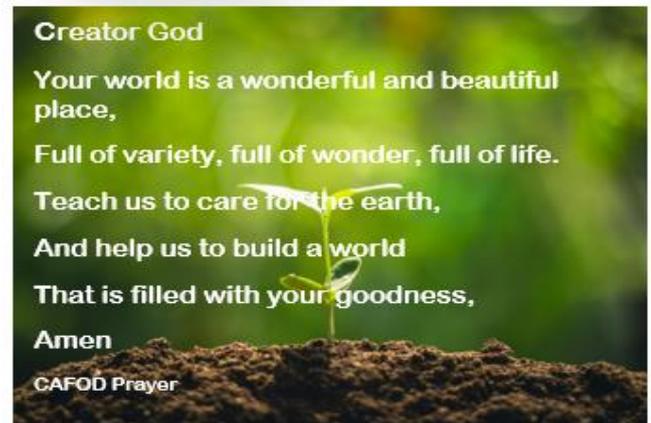


- **Take time to pray**, giving thanks for the beautiful world we live in. Take time to pray that world leaders and governments will make the right decisions to help everyone in our global family.



- You could pray the CAFOD prayer below or write your own prayer. **Pray at home and school.**

Ask your teacher if you could lead daily prayers or plan a liturgy for each day of COP26, praying that decisions in the meeting will protect **our common home now and for future generations.**



"Stay with us, Lord, on our journey."

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+John'.

+John Arnold

Bishop of Salford