



Diocese of Lancaster

Charter on the Care of Creation



We believe:

In Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, everything seen and unseen.

That creation reveals the glory of God.

We are called to be stewards of God's creation.

As stewards we must work with all people of goodwill to make our common home a place of beauty, wonder, worship, love, justice, peace, fellowship and hope.

Cherishing and protecting the earth,
its peoples and all its life forms is an essential part of our mission.

We challenge ourselves:

To find Jesus in a simplicity of living.

To adopt ways of living, models of production and consumption that are marked by respect for creation and the need for the sustainable development of peoples.

To live in solidarity with the poor by not taking unfair amounts of the world's resources or creating unnecessary wastes of any form.

To use our church and personal resources for better purposes, as each of our joyful choices can be a visible example to others and give them courage to follow.

We commit ourselves:

To safeguard the integrity of the whole of life.

To celebrate earth's gifts in prayer and worship.

To live more simply and sustainably.

To make the sacrifices necessary for all our global brothers and sisters to have their fair share of the resources they need to live in dignity.

To educate ourselves about Gospel values and Catholic Social Teaching.

To take full account of our environmental impact in our mission,
pastoral and administrative activity.

To promote trade justice, including support and encouragement of FairTrade.

To review our commitment constantly, and our achievements annually,
to identify what more needs to be done.

Conclusion

We are called to be 'doers' of the Word, and not just 'hearers'.

We will show by our lives and our actions that we are putting the Gospel into practice in the decisions we make every day.