

Renewal of Baptismal Vows with Pledge for Care of Creation

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Bishop Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. All the ministry of the Church rests on this foundation.

As people who live the Way of Love, we long to grow in loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God, each other and God's Creation.

I call upon you, in this urgent moment, to make a faithful pledge to protect and renew this good Earth and all who call it home, and to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Bishop Will you share your stories of love and concern for the Earth and link with others who care about protecting the sacred web of life?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you stand with those most vulnerable to the harmful effects of environmental degradation and climate change – women, children, poor people and communities of color, refugees, migrants?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you change your habits and choices in order to live more simply, humbly and gently on the Earth and help the whole creation to flourish?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate
and was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Bishop Will you continue
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you
fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of the Earth
and of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop May Almighty God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us in eternal life by his grace,
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

or the following

Almighty and everlasting God,
in the beginning you made all things
and wove them together
in interdependence and community.
You have called us to tend and care
for your creation and all the life within it.
Give us wisdom, courage, reverence, strength,
and delight in the ministry of Creation Care.
Let your loving hand ever be over us;
let your Holy Spirit ever be with us;
and so lead us
in the knowledge and obedience of your Word,
that we may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, forever and ever. Amen.