

The Ketteler Legacy

Earth Day is Celebrated in April

Let's Do Our Part to Save the Earth

Climate change often has been a topic of the news and television in the past few months. This past summer was one of the hottest summers on record with a large number of people in India dying of the record heat. The glaciers in the Arctic are crumbling causing a rising ocean. There has been an increase of devastating hurricanes and draughts throughout the world. Drinking water is becoming increasingly scarce in many parts of the world.

Do we realize that the people who suffer are those who are most vulnerable, live in regions of the world with no security, have pervasive poverty, and experience geographic disadvantages? Do we realize that these people contribute the least toward greenhouse gas emissions? Industrial countries throughout the world, including the United States, are responsible for emissions from factories that increase pollution which speed up climate changes.

Climate changes, even though it is slow, will increase the inequalities, injustices, and injuries that citizens of low-income countries worldwide already experience.

As Sisters and Associates of Divine Providence can we do our part to slow down climate change? Do we recycle? Are we careful of disposing of materials that are harmful to the soil? Are we wasteful of water, electricity, paper, food, etc.? Can we gently educate others in our conversations to help more persons to be aware? As one as on teacher I had put it, "Don't just sit there, do something"

Submitted by
Sister Paulita Kuzy
Peace and Justice Committee
April, 2016

"The Earth does not belong to us: we belong to the Earth." Marlee Matlin

"The divine is not something high above us. It is in heaven, it is in earth, it is inside us."
Morihei Ueshiba