

Summary of Activities in 2021



Climate Crisis and COP26

- Worked collaboratively with agencies across the Bishops' Conference, with ecumenical and interfaith partners to plan and deliver events and services in preparation and throughout COP26.
- Celebrated the *Climate Justice Day of Action* on 6th April with Justice and Peace groups across the country contacting MPs, MSPs, and taking action on social media to raise awareness of the urgency of the climate crisis.
- Promoted the *Scottish Bishops' Pastoral Letter for the Sixth Anniversary of Laudato Si*, supported the establishment and growth of *The Office for Care of Creation*, and promoted the Bishops' Conference of Scotland announcement to divest from fossil fuels.
- Co-hosted *24 hours for the Climate*; the global prayer vigil for care of creation and the success of COP26 with participants joining from 31 countries around the world.
- Organised participants and collaborated with Sancta Familia Media on the COP26 music video "*From a Distance*".
- Co-created *Prayer for our Earth* prayer service used in dioceses across the country during the Season of Creation to pray for the success of COP26.
- Co-hosted *Roar of Many Waters: Searching for the Voice of God at COP26* conference on 23rd October.
- Marched with 125,000 others for the *Global Day of Action* in Glasgow, 6th November during COP26.
- Co-hosted with *Operation Noah* a webinar on church divestment from fossil fuels on 3rd March.

Poverty and Unemployment

- Hosted the online event *Poverty & Pandemic* on 7th March with speakers from the frontline of poverty alleviation sharing their experiences.
- Campaigned for Universal Basic Income to help people recover economically from the pandemic, and welcomed Pope Francis' called for UBI in June 2020.
- Continued campaigning as part of the Anti-Poverty Movement around the Scottish Child payment, successfully securing a doubling of this to £20 a week.
- Campaigned against the cuts to Universal Credit in this time of rising costs.
- Continued to support and work with other faiths as part of *Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees* (SFAR) to support refugees and asylum seekers across Scotland.
- Participated in the UK government's consultation on the '*New Plan for Immigration*', promoted Bishop Nolan and Bishop McAleenan's joint letter to Home Secretary Priti Patel in response to this, and continue to campaign against this destructive legislation.
- Produced an online resource for schools exploring how the interlinked issues of climate and migration are affecting communities around the world.
- Sent Christmas cards to men and women detained in Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre.

Migration & Asylum

Other Activities

- Created printed and powerpoint resources for parishes, schools and groups to explore the themes of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (available on the website).
- Hosted *Crisis in Yemen* on 24th January with speakers exploring the situation, along with contributing factors, especially the arms trade.
- Year long campaign to promote Catholic Social Teaching through quotes corresponding to the Sunday gospel.
- Represented Scotland at the European Justice and Peace Commission
- Highlighted events, campaigns, and issues throughout the year on our website and through social media.

More information on these and other activities of the National Justice and Peace Commission can be found on our website and social media.



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