

**The impact of climate change falls heaviest on the poor.  
Catholics are pledging to tread lightly and act boldly.**

Our cars, power plants, growing energy consumption and waste are leaving a bigger and bigger carbon footprint. Scientists tell us that means more climate change. And it is the poor in the U.S. and around the world who will be hurt the most—with more droughts, floods, hunger, unemployment and less capacity and resources to respond.

Pope Benedict XVI has said of climate change:  
*"The problems looming on the horizon are complex and time is short."* He has said: *"Before it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions."*

In response, Catholic families, parishes, schools, hospitals, and other agencies are taking the **St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor.**  
**Pray • Learn • Assess • Act • Advocate.**



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**Who's under your  
carbon footprint?<sup>sm</sup>**

