

Pope Francis' Visit to the United States

Dear Forum colleagues,

This coming week, Pope Francis will visit the United States. **During this momentous visit, he will address a joint session of Congress on September 24 at 10am, as well as the United Nations General Assembly on September 25 at 8:30am.** In addition to visiting Washington D.C. and New York City, he will also visit Philadelphia.

The Pope's visit is a very important event in support of the encyclical on the environment, "Praised Be: On the Care of Our Common Home" (*Laudato Si'*), in which Pope Francis highlights issues of "integral ecology," namely concerns for people and the planet. There are a number of resources on the Forum site (fore.yale.edu) to provide you more information on the encyclical.

For the Pope's schedule, visit:

<http://www.popefrancisvisit.com/official-final-schedule-of-pope-francis-u-s-visit-2015/>

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/09/15/pope-visit-washington-new-york-philadelphia-united-states/72073294/>

Many events are being organized throughout the United States in light of the Pope's visit. For details, please see below.

We encourage you to download a free Pope Francis' Encyclical Climate Action Kit that Interfaith Power & Light has put together in conjunction with the Catholic Climate Covenant. You can download it here:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=15418

Warmly,

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim,
Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

<http://fore.yale.edu>

Week of Moral Action for Climate Justice

September 21-25, 2015

Washington, DC

https://actionnetwork.org/event_campaigns/week-of-moral-action-for-climate-justice

Wednesday, September 23

All-night, multi-faith vigil
Lincoln Memorial
Hosted by the Franciscan Action Network

Thursday morning, September 24, the Pope will address a joint session of Congress. There'll be Jumbotrons set up at the Capitol and on the Mall for viewing. After the address, join us for a rally on the National Mall between 4th Street NW and 7th Street SW.

Friday, September 25, we'll lobby Congress to demonstrate real leadership on this defining moral issue of our time.

Rally for Moral Action on Climate Justice

A gathering of top musicians, faith leaders and climate activists

September 24, 2015 at 7am – 12:30pm

National Mall between 3rd and 7th Streets
Washington, DC

<http://www.foe.org/news/news-releases/2015-09-top-musicians-faith-leaders-and-climate-activists-ga>

Light the Way - Multi-faith Prayers for Action Supporting Pope Francis' Call for Climate Action

September 24, 2015 at 4:30-5:30pm

Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (47th St. & 1st Ave)
New York, NY, USA

<http://ourvoices.net/newyork-lightstheaway>

The festival will be followed by a vigil in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza. This vigil is one of many taking place around that world. For more, visit: <http://ourvoices.net/lighttheway>

Multi-faith Vigil through the Night
September 24, 2015
Begins at 8:00 pm
Church of Our Saviour
59 Park Avenue (38th street)

Coming Together in Faith on Climate

An evening of celebration at Washington National Cathedral supporting Pope Francis's call for action on climate change.

September 24, 2015 at 7:30 - 9:00pm ET

Washington National Cathedral
3101 Wisconsin Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Event Organizers: Washington National Cathedral, Blessed Tomorrow, Convergence, Faith in Public Life, and Auburn Seminary

This is a free, but limited, event which will be live-streamed and echoed at congregations nationally.

RSVP and get free tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coming-together-in-faith-on-climate-an-evening-of-celebration-at-washington-national-cathedral-tickets-17898882038>

Coming Together Faith Leader Meeting--Building Support for Climate Solutions

Washington National Cathedral
Washington, D.C.

September 25, 2015 at 7:30-11:30am

Hosted by Blessed Tomorrow, Faith in Public Life, Convergence, Washington National Cathedral, and Auburn Seminary

http://www.eventbrite.com/e/coming-together-faith-leader-meeting-building-support-for-climate-solutions-tickets-18035877796?aff=utm_source%3Dweb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email?utm_term=eventname_text

Climate Vigils and Events around Pope's Visit

Many of the state affiliates of Interfaith Power & Light have planned vigils and other climate action events in support of the upcoming visit by Pope Francis to Congress. Check below to find

out how you can participate. Check for updates to this list at <http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/2015/09/climate-vigils-and-events-around-popes-visit/>

Arizona

Phoenix – 09/23, 6:30pm; Prayer Vigil; Sen. John McCain’s Office, 2201 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 115, Contact: Rev. Doug Bland, doug.bland@tempeccc.com

Arkansas

Little Rock – 09/23, 7:00pm; Interfaith Sunset Prayer; Arkansas House of Prayer at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, Contact: Scharmél Roussel, scharmél2008@gmail.com

California

Los Angeles — 09/25, 9:00-10:30am; Press Conference and Rally; University of Southern California Caruso Catholic Center, 34th and

Hoover, <http://www.pandopopulus.com/pandomonium/>

Oakland – 09/23, 6:30am and 6:30pm; Interfaith Vigil; Skyline United Church of Christ, Contact: Rev. Laurie Manning, revlauriemanning@gmail.com

Colorado

Denver – 09/24 5:30pm; Climate Prayer Vigil; 1st Baptist Church, Contact: Rev. Jessica Abell, revjessicaabell@gmail.com

Delaware

Wilmington – 09/23, 4:00-4:45pm, or 5:30-6:15pm; Vigil; First & Central Presbyterian Church, Contact: Lisa Locke, lisa.locke@deipl.org

Iowa

Des Moines – 09/23, 6:30pm; Prayer Vigil; Holy Trinity Church

09/24, 8:00am; Live Watch Party; Immanuel United Methodist Church

09/24, 6:30pm; Rebroadcast Party; St. Pius X Catholic Church

Contact: Susan Guy, director@iowaip.org

Massachusetts

Chestnut Hill – 09/23, 6:30-7:00pm, Candle Light Prayer Vigil; St. Ignatius RC Church

Contact: Vincent Maraventano, vincemara3@gmail.com

Minnesota

Minneapolis – 09/23, 6:00-8:00pm; Pope Francis Welcome Party; St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, <http://mnipl.org/calendar-new/welcome-pope-francis-party.html>

Contact: Julia Nerbonne, julia@mnipl.org

Missouri

St. Louis – 09/20, 1:00pm; March

Contact: Tracy Howe-Koch, thowekoch@gmail.com

Nebraska

Omaha – 09/24, 7:00-9:00pm; Group viewing of Pope Francis’ address to Congress, and discussion; Aksarben Cinema, <http://boldnebraska.org/nebraska-lights-the-way-watch-the-pope-address-congress-on-climate-change/>

Contact: Rev. Kim Morrow, kim@nebraskaipl.org

New Mexico

Albuquerque – 09/23, 6:30-7:30pm; Interfaith Candlelight Vigil; Old Town Plaza

Carlsbad – 09/23, 6:30-7:30pm; Interfaith Candlelight Vigil

Gallup – 09/23, 6:30-7:30pm; Interfaith Candlelight Vigil; Courthouse Plaza

Silver City – 09/23, 7:30pm; Interfaith Candlelight Vigil; Gough Park

Contact: Sister Joan Brown, joankansas@swcp.com

New York

Buffalo – 09/24, 4:00 (pre-rally) and 5:00pm; Interfaith Rally; Niagara Square

New York City – 09/24, 4:30-5:30pm; Multi-Faith Prayers for Action; Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, <http://www.ourvoices.net/newyork-lightstheaway>

Rochester – 09/23, 4:00pm; Prayer Vigil; St. Marianne Cope Parish at Good Shepherd Chapel

Contact: Janna Stieg Watkins, jswatkins@nyipl.org

North Carolina

Asheville – 09/24, 6:00-8:00pm; Viewing of Pope Francis’ address to Congress followed by discussion; St. Eugene’s Catholic Church, <http://www.ncipl.org/event/9-23-st-eugene/>

Durham – 09/24, 7:00-8:30pm; Interfaith Prayer Vigil; Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, <http://www.ncipl.org/event/immaculate-conception-vigil/>

Greensboro – 09/23, 7:00-8:00pm; Ecumenical Prayer Service; St. Mary’s Catholic Church, <http://www.ncipl.org/event/esg-vigil/>

09/24, 9:20am; Viewing of Pope Francis’ address to Congress; St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, <http://www.ncipl.org/event/pope-address-congress-grnsboro/>

Morehead City – 09/23, 12:00-1:00pm; Prayer Vigil; St Egbert Catholic Church, <http://www.ncipl.org/event/9-23-vigil-st-egbert/>

Raleigh – 09/23, 7:00-8:00pm; Ecumenical Prayer Vigil; Church of the Nativity, <http://www.ncipl.org/event/let-us-pray-together/>

Contact: Susannah Tuttle, susannah@ncipl.org

Oregon

Portland – 09/23, 6:00pm, 7:45-8:30pm; Screening of “Merchants of Doubt,” followed by Interfaith Prayer Vigil; St. Francis Catholic Church

Contact: Jenny Holmes, jholmes@emoregon.org

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia – 09/16, 5:30-8:00pm; Forum and Vigil; Friends’ Center,

<http://paipl.us/event/panel-and-vigil-climate-jobs-and-justice-a-moral-response-to-the-popes-urgent-message/>

Contact: Cricket Eccleston Hunter, chunter@paipl.org

Rhode Island

Providence – 09/23, 5:00pm; Prayer Vigil; State House lawn
Contact: Kathy Black, kathy@ri-ipl.org

South Carolina

Spartanburg — 09/24, 1:00-2:20pm; Seminar, “Understanding Laudato Si”; Wofford College
Contact: Ron Robinson 864-597-4051

Texas

Fort Worth – 09/24, 6:00pm; Pope and Potluck; University Christian Church of Fort Worth, room 207, <http://txipl.org/content/youre-invited-fort-worth-ipls-pope-and-potluck>
Contact: Yaira A. Robinson, yaira@texasinterfaith.org

Vermont

Burlington — 09/24, 10:00am and 7:00pm; Live and rebroadcast showing of the Pope’s address to Congress; First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington
Middlebury — 09/24; Live showing
Montpelier — 09/24, 7:00pm; Rebroadcast showing of the Pope’s address to Congress; St. Augustine Catholic Church
Contact: Betsy Hardy, info@vtipl.org

Washington

Seattle — 09/24, 7:00pm; Evening of interfaith ritual, word, and song; Chapel of St. Ignatius at Seattle University, <http://earthministry.org/event/committing-to-our-common-home-an-interfaith-response-to-pope-francis-encyclical-on-the-environment/>
Contact: Jessica, jessica@earthministry.org

Washington DC Area

Washington DC – 09/23-24, 7:00pm-7:00am; Prayer Vigil; National Mall between 4th Street NW and 7th Street SW, <http://www.moralactiononclimate.org/>
Contact: Janine Walsh, walsh@franciscanaction.org

Wisconsin

Madison – 09/24, 6:00-7:30pm; Music, prayer, and candlelight procession; James Madison Park
09/25, 6:30am; Gathering for quiet contemplation at sunrise; Monona Terrace, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. entrance
09/25, 8:00am; Video shorts on climate justice, followed by Live-stream viewing of Pope Francis’ address to the UN; First United Methodist Church, <https://www.facebook.com/events/149401165402190/>
Contact: Huda Alkaff, interfaith.earth@yahoo.com