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Join the Global #ClimateStrike on 20 September!

The Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane encourages all Catholics to join with fellow Australians in the Global #ClimateStrike on 20 September.

The recent visit to Brisbane by the President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, has underlined for us how critical the situation is for our sisters and brothers in the Pacific and how urgent it is that wealthy countries like Australia take decisive action to address the climate emergency.

The words Archbishop Chong wrote for a climate change lament ring in our ears: "Mother earth is crying. Save our home!"

Pope Francis also released a powerful message on September 1 for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation. In it, he urges us to take our lead from the many young people who demand action from Governments to transition rapidly from fossil fuels to renewable energy. He calls for prophetic action. The Pope's words and the demands of our young people also ring in our ears.

We know also that some in our country are worried about their economic future if we transition quickly away from fossil fuels. Their concerns are important and we hear them also. We believe that it is possible, with commitment and determination, to safeguard their economic future at the same time as we protect the future of the young people of today through decisive climate action.

It's time for us as Catholics to take seriously our sacred responsibility to care for our common home, the earth. We have no time to waste!

We urge our fellow Catholics and people of goodwill to support the young people who are working hard to convince our leaders to take action in the face of the climate emergency. Take to the streets with them on Friday 20 September. Bring your family and friends with you too. Send a powerful message to our leaders that we want them to protect our planet and to safeguard the future for our young people.

The Brisbane Global #ClimateStrike action will take place between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM in Queens Gardens, corner of George & Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane.