



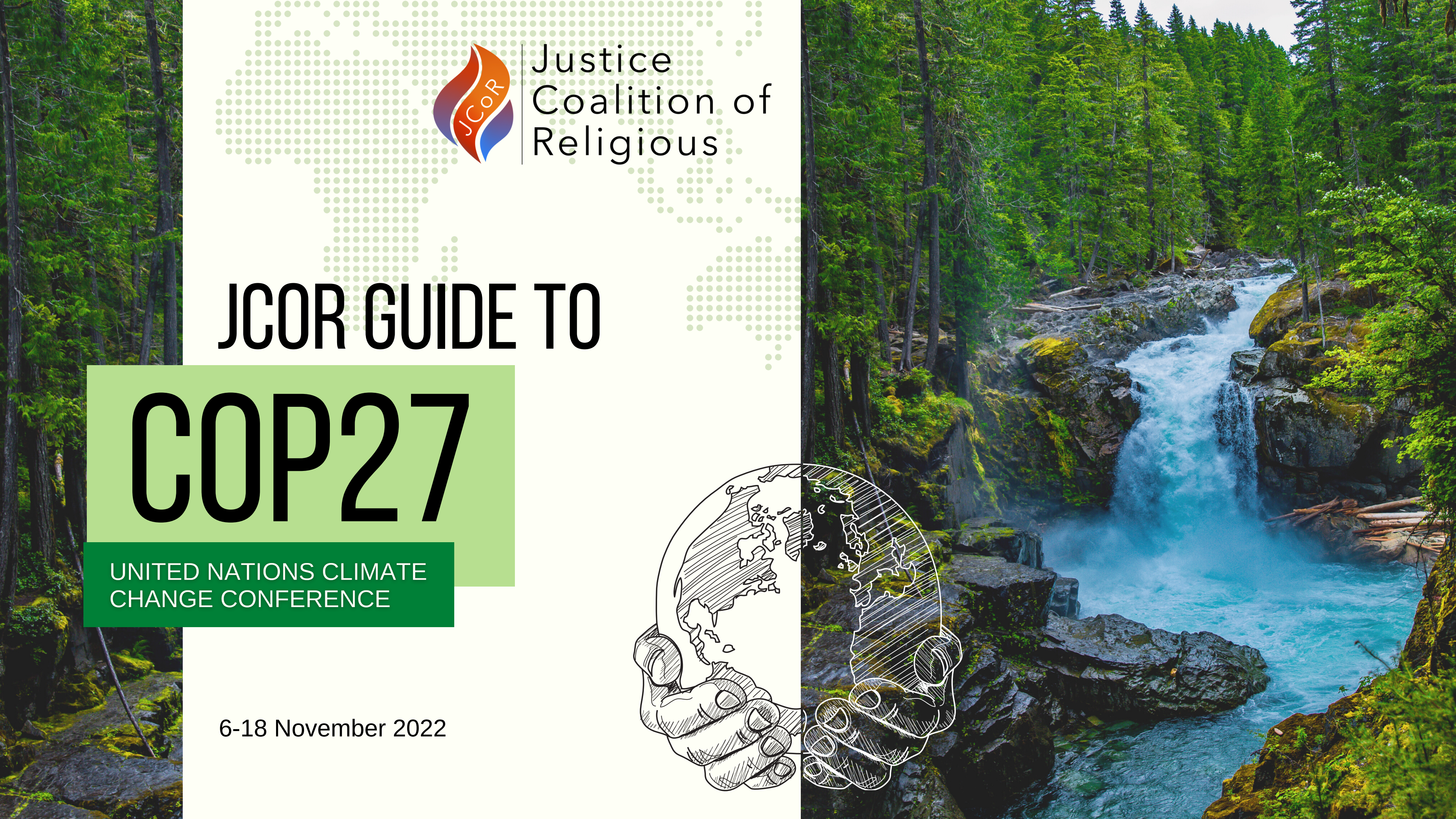
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COP27

UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE  
CHANGE CONFERENCE

6-18 November 2022





# JUSTICE COALITION OF RELIGIOUS

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 21 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). For centuries, congregations of Religious have served people who have been rendered poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized by existing global systems. Through our membership in JCoR, we have united with our sister and brother organizations to enhance collaboration among our members—at UN Headquarters and around the world—in our common mission: to improve quality of life for people who are living in poverty and to enhance our stewardship of the natural environment.

*The primary aim of our collaboration is to strengthen the capacity of Catholic Religious and their partners to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering.*

We work toward this goal by coordinating national, regional, and global efforts of Religious to call on political leaders to take action for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the United Nations' Agenda for 2015-2030.

We hope these pages will help you join us in this mission!



"If we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us." - Pope Francis



# COP27 WHAT IS IT?

## UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2022

The acronym COP stands for the Conference of the Parties, of which there are three: biodiversity, climate change, and desertification. These conferences were established in 1992 during the UN [Earth Summit](#). The most prominent of the three is the COP on climate change. It is the highest-level decision-making forum of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ([UNFCCC](#)), and it serves as an annual gathering for governments to meet and discuss climate change. Participatory governments include the UN Member States who have signed the UNFCCC, the [Kyoto Protocol](#), or the [Paris Agreement](#). This year, the 27th COP on climate change ([COP27](#)) will be held in Egypt. The summit will bring governments, civil society, and other stakeholders together to discuss climate change and its impacts, agree on how to address it, and accelerate climate action.



# KEY TERMS

The following commonly used terms are important to understand if you plan on participating in or following the discussions at COP27

## UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The UNFCCC outlines the legal framework and principles for international climate change cooperation. Its overarching goal is stabilizing atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases to avoid "dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system." Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Paris Agreement

The Paris Agreement is an international treaty that was adopted in 2015 to address climate change. It marks a significant achievement in the global discourse because it is the first legally-binding agreement to unite a multitude of countries with a commitment to engage in ambitious efforts to combat climate change and its impacts. Under the Paris Agreement, each country determines how much they will reduce their carbon emissions each year, and these plans are called [nationally determined contributions](#) (NDCs). Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

The IPCC is the United Nations body tasked with assessing the science related to climate change. It produces reports on climate change, including its impacts, risks, and recommended actions for governments in response to the scientific, technical, and socio-economic data. Click [here](#) to learn more.



## Sustainable Development Goal 13 (SDG13)

SDG13 is a commitment by the global community to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. "Climate change is a real and undeniable threat to our entire civilization. The effects are already visible and will be catastrophic unless we act now. Through education, innovation and adherence to our climate commitments, we can make the necessary changes to protect the planet." Click [here](#) to learn more.



# COP27 GOALS



## Why is COP27 important?

The world needs climate action NOW. Global emissions continue to rise as the planet rapidly approaches a dangerous precipice. We are far off track in terms of limiting climate change to agreed levels, threatening Earth's ability to sustain the human population. The IPCC's [2022 report](#) identifies half of humanity as highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. This vulnerability reveals patterns of immense inequality and marginalization, with those who have contributed least to climate change positioned to be most affected. COP27 provides a rare opportunity for governments, civil society, and other stakeholders to meet and collaborate to tackle the impending impacts of climate change.

## What are the central aims of COP27?

### Mitigation

Mitigation refers to efforts to reduce or prevent the emission of greenhouse gases. The global community needs to work together to limit global warming to [below 2°C, ideally below 1.5°C](#). Immediate action is required to realize this goal. COP27 calls on countries to fulfill the pledges of the Paris Agreement and implement the commitments from COP26 to increase their NDCs and create an ambitious work plan for climate change mitigation.

### Adaptation

Adaptation is the process of taking action to reduce the current and expected effects of climate change. At COP26, a work plan was launched to advance the Paris Agreement [global goal on adaptation](#). At COP27, governments need to demonstrate their commitment towards this global goal, enhancing resilience, and assisting the most vulnerable communities. COP27 should serve to encourage action on adaptation, placing adaptation at the forefront of global climate action.

### Finance

It is imperative to make significant progress on climate finance at COP27. The global community needs to increase transparency of financing, better facilitate the funding needs of developing countries, and follow through on financial pledges - including demonstrated progress on delivery of the annual USD [100 billion goal](#). Both adequacy and predictability of climate finance are essential elements necessary to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

### Collaboration

Collaboration amongst governments, civil society, and stakeholders is essential to deliver on the commitments of the Paris Agreement and ensure the world remains sustainable and capable of supporting life. COP negotiations are consensus-based, so reaching agreement on climate commitments and action will require inclusive and active participation from all stakeholders - with humans at the center. All stakeholders, collaboratively, need to turn commitments into action.

# COP27 DETAILS

## WHEN

6-18 November 2022

## AGENDA

UNFCCC COP27 [Agenda](#)

## WHERE

**IN-PERSON:** Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

- **Blue Zone:** The Blue Zone is located in the Sharm El-Sheikh International Convention Center and serves as the principal venue for COP27. This is the official plenary space, and it also includes negotiation rooms, pavilions, offices, and side event spaces. In order to enter the Blue Zone, you must be registered for COP27 and have an official COP27 event badge.
- **Green Zone:** The Green Zone is located across the street from the Blue Zone. It is the space where global youth, civil and indigenous societies, academia, artists, and representatives of the private sector can raise their voices. The Green Zone promotes dialogue, awareness, education, and commitments via events, exhibitions, workshops, cultural performances, and talks.

Click [here](#) for additional details and maps.

**ONLINE:** Join online to follow the proceedings of COP27 at [webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org) (streamed in multiple languages)

- Watch side events, live and on-demand, via official [YouTube channel](#)

## GENERAL INFO

Visit the official COP27 [website](#)



## PROGRAMME

Click [here](#) to access full programme details, including the COP27 climate action calendar

## THEMATIC DAYS

9 November:

- [Finance Day](#)

10 November:

- [Science Day](#)
- [Youth & Future Generations Day](#)

11 November:

- [Decarbonization Day](#)

12 November:

- [Adaptation & Agriculture Day](#)

14 November:

- [Gender Day](#)
- [Water Day](#)

15 November:

- [Ace & Civil Society Day](#)
- [Energy Day](#)

16 November:

- [Biodiversity Day](#)

17 November:

- [Solutions Day](#)

# RECOMMENDED EVENTS

## ORIENTATION WEBINAR SHOELESS ON SINAI: A DIGITAL PILGRIMAGE TO COP27

COP27 will be held at Sharm el-Sheikh, which sits on the Sinai Peninsula, the land held sacred by followers of Abrahamic religions as the place where God appeared to Moses and called him to a mission of liberation. On each day of this conference, you are invited to pray in solidarity with the whole Earth community and, in a special way, with the Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and other faith leaders who will be advocating for environmental justice in the UN proceedings on the Sinai Peninsula. This digital pilgrimage will begin with an orientation webinar, including:

- Briefing on COP27 and how to follow its programme virtually
- Intro to the Dominican Leadership Conference's COP27 Reflection Calendar
- Sharing from Catholic Religious who will travel to Egypt as delegates to COP27

For more details, visit JCoR's [Shoeless to Sinai webpage](#).

**WATCH EVENT RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEpRdIJJV1vs55T720T7MN0100tjyDeIJ>

**\*English, Spanish, French, and Italian recordings available\***



INTERNATIONAL UNION  
SUPERIORS GENERAL

# RECOMMENDED EVENTS

## PROTECTING COMMUNITIES IN THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

**26 October 2022, 7:00-8:00pm (New York time)**

In anticipation of COP27, this webinar will outline the choices we face as a global society and suggest actions and directions that can help us transition our energy, transportation, and social sectors to renewable means, without destroying people and the earth which we all share. Join this conversation for an inspiring and important step to ensure that the necessary transition does not exacerbate the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3fRZm8A>

**Flyer:** <https://bit.ly/3sxrKzX>

## "SISTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT" LAUNCH WEBINAR

**3 November 2022, 9:00 (Central America) / 11:00 (Eastern USA) / 16:00 (Central Europe) / 17:00 (Central Africa/Eastern Europe) / 18:00 (East Africa) / 20:30 (India) / 23:00 (Philippines)**

Launch of spotlight report from UISG on Catholic Sisters' ministries for care of Earth

**Livestream:** <http://www.uisg.org/en/youtube-channels>

**Flyer:** <https://jcor2030.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Invitation-ENG.jpg>

**English, Spanish, French, and Italian livestreams will be available!**





# RECOMMENDED EVENTS

## INFORMAL INTERFAITH GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT OF TALANOA DIALOGUE @COP27

**6 November 2022, 4:30pm (Egypt time), 9:30am (New York time)**

Hybrid event, sponsored by the Interfaith Liaison Committee to the UNFCCC, being live-streamed from in-person gathering at: El sama Eyeen Coptic Church  
المعهد الديني Sharm el-Sheikh, South Sinai Governorate 8761225 Egypt

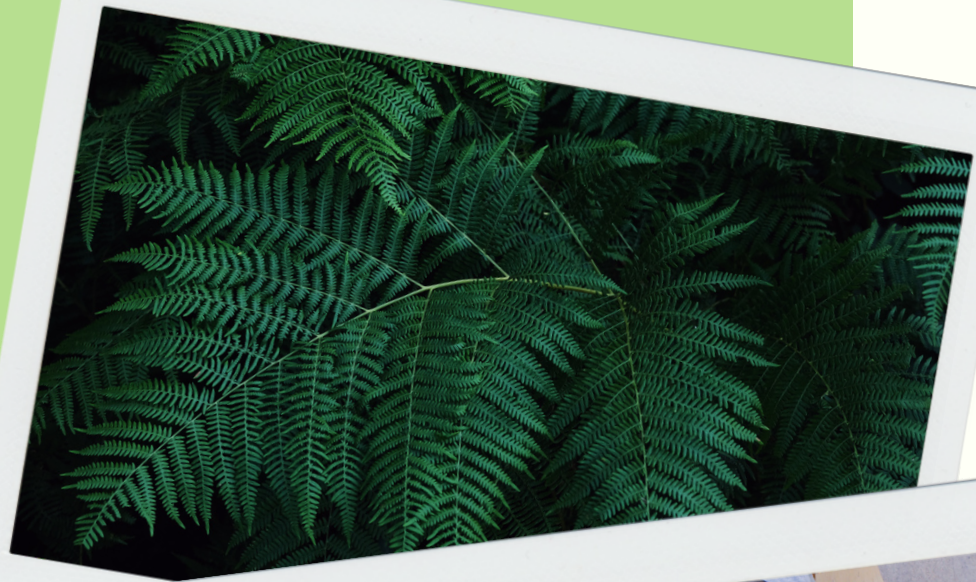
**Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/informal-interfaith-gathering-in-the-spirit-of-talanoa-dialogue-cop27-tickets-427024260057>

## GLOBAL ONLINE PRAYER VIGIL FOR COP27

**7 November 2022, 11:30am-12:30pm (New York time)**

Join Catholic Religious delegates at COP27 and your sisters and brothers around the world in an online prayer service for fruitful dialogue in Egypt and inspired responses toward Earth justice in every nation.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3F1XqVg>



# RECOMMENDED EVENTS

## CATHOLICS AT COP27

17 November 2022, 11:30am-1:00pm (Egypt time)

Official COP27 side event co-sponsored by Carmelite NGO, UNANIMA International, VIVAT International, and the Medical Mission Sisters

**Location:** In-person event held in Tutankhamun room

For the most up-to-date list of recommended events, please visit the JCoR website at <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>



**[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW THE OFFICIAL LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH-BASED ENGAGEMENT AT COP27**

# SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE

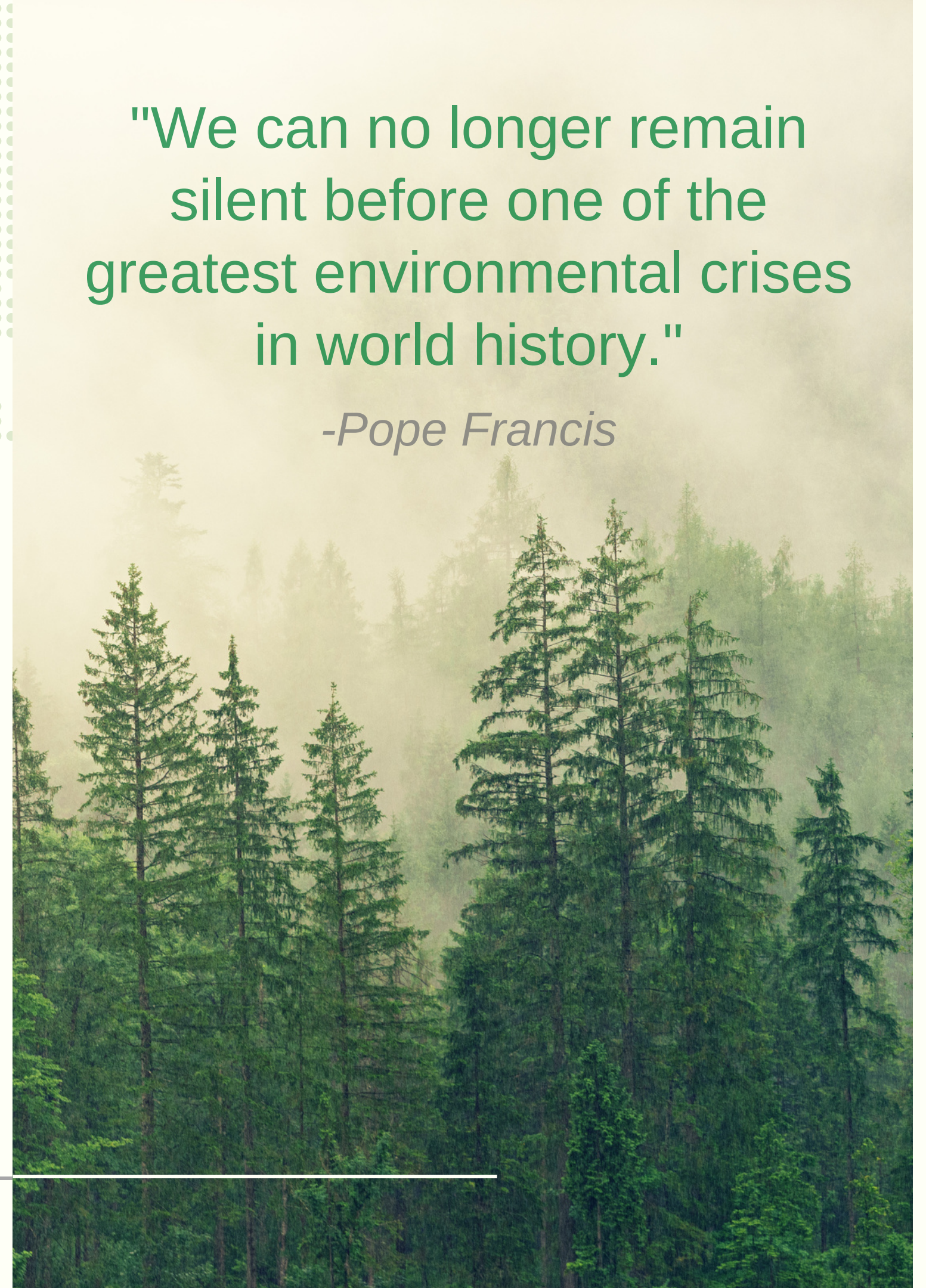
The following pages provide guidance regarding:

- Who to follow and tag
- Official and recommended hashtags
- Suggested messaging
  - COP27 themes
  - Pilgrimage to COP27
  - Laudato Si'



"We can no longer remain  
silent before one of the  
greatest environmental crises  
in world history."

*-Pope Francis*



# SOCIAL MEDIA

## WHO TO FOLLOW AND TAG

### JUSTICE COALITION OF RELIGIOUS (JCoR)

Twitter: [@JCoR2030](#) Facebook: [@JCoR2030](#)

### JCoR MEMBERS

Click [here](#) to access JCoR Twitter list

### COP27

Twitter: [@COP27P](#) Facebook: [@COP27Egypt](#)

### INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL (UISG)

Twitter: [@SistersAdvocate](#)

### UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE

Twitter: [@UNFCCC](#) Facebook: [@UNclimatechange](#)

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Twitter: [@IPCC\\_CH](#) Facebook: [@IPCC](#)

### YOUR CONGREGATION'S NGO AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Need help? Find many congregations' NGO's social media details [here](#)

### YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS



# SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAGS

JCoR would like to help spread the word.

#JCoR  
@JCoR2030

Tag us so we can share your social media posts and increase the reach of your advocacy messaging!



## OFFICIAL

#COP27  
#JustAndAmbitious

## RECOMMENDED

#COP27Egypt  
#Sisters4OurCommonHome  
#CatholicSistersAtCOP27  
#TogetherForImplementation  
#ClimateAction  
#ClimateActionNow  
#SDG13  
#SaveThePlanet  
#ClimateChange

# SAMPLE MESSAGING COP27 THEMES

## CLIMATE ACTION

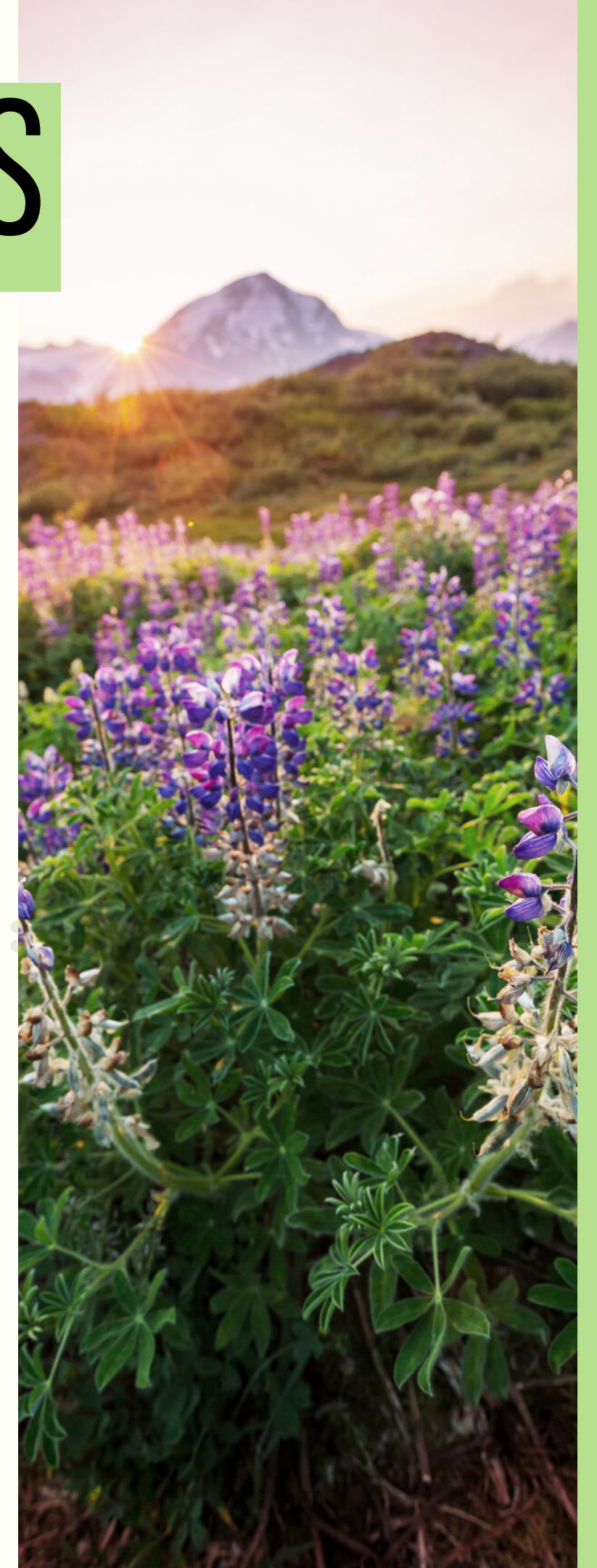
"We need progress that shows leaders fully comprehend the emergency we face" -  
@AminaJMohammed "On every climate front, the only solution is solidarity & decisive action"-  
@antonioguterres We join these voices & call for ambitious #ClimateAction @ #COP27  
<https://news.un.org/story/2022/10/1129127>

## MITIGATION

If COP26 targets are implemented, the world faces an estimated 2.4°C warming - exceeding the 2° threshold & escalating climate impacts for vulnerable communities, pushing Earth to the brink of unpredictable destabilization. At #COP27 we demand #JustAndAmbitious #ClimateActionNow

## ADAPTATION

At COP26, countries pledged to double #ClimateAdaptation finance. At #COP27, we call on Member States to honor this commitment. Govts must define the #ParisAgreement global goal on adaptation & prioritize adaptation projects led by local communities. <https://undp-climate.exposure.co/7-lessons-on-adaptation>



# SAMPLE MESSAGING COP27 THEMES

## FINANCE

COP26 failed to deliver on promises of regular finance to assist vulnerable communities in both adaptation & mitigation efforts. At [#COP27](#), we call on governments to fulfill their pledges to the annual \$100 billion climate finance goal. Learn more:

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/raising-ambition/climate-finance>

## LOSS AND DAMAGE

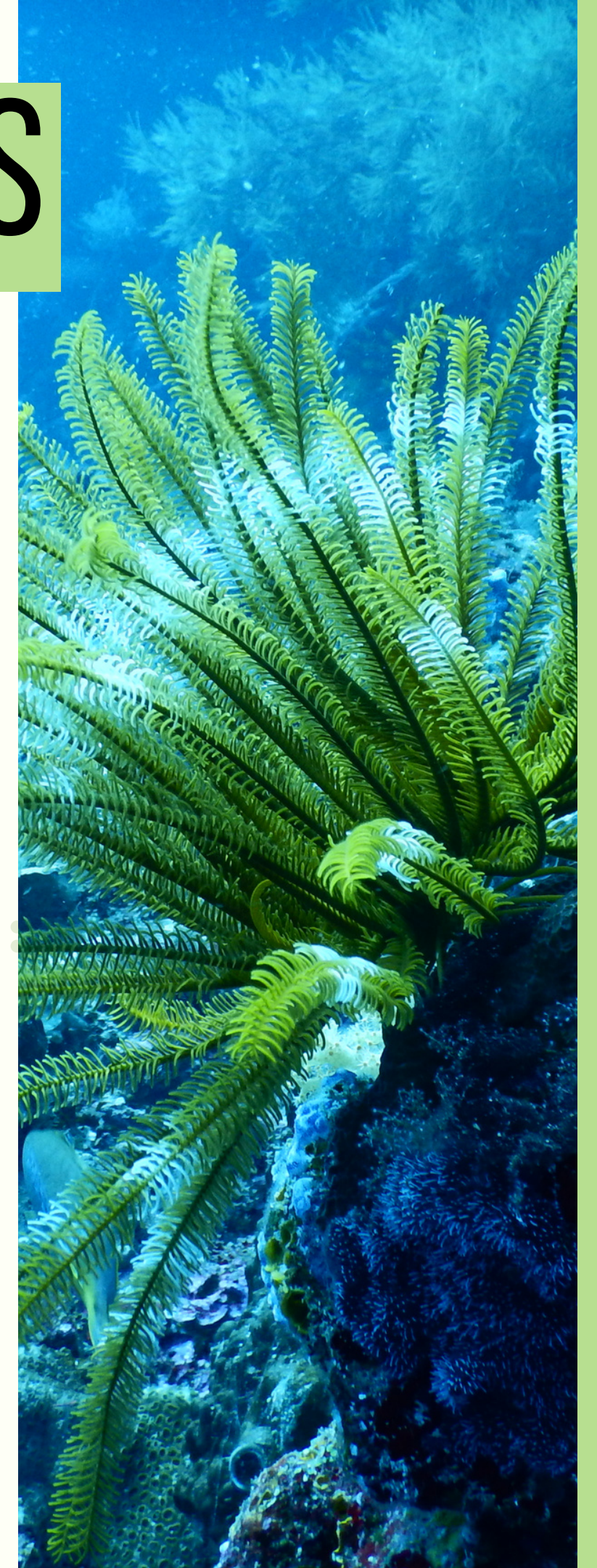
Calling for [#ClimateJustice](#) at [#COP27](#): Climate mitigation & adaptation efforts must be accompanied by support to address loss & damage - including displacement - which will continue to harm vulnerable communities the most. Learn more:

<https://www.wri.org/insights/loss-damage-climate-change>

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Climate plans are only as good as their implementation. COP26 resulted in the [#GlasgowClimatePact](#) & [#COP27](#) is the time to turn pledges into progress. Govts need to prove they are following through on their promises & implement updated NDCs. [#Accountability](#)

<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-glasgow-climate-pact-key-outcomes-from-cop26>



# SAMPLE MESSAGING PILGRIMAGE

@COP27P: Praying on this #HolyGround for...



Post your prayer for Earth or for leaders at COP27 with a photo of yourself praying shoeless (& outdoors if possible!)

#Sisters4OurCommonHome



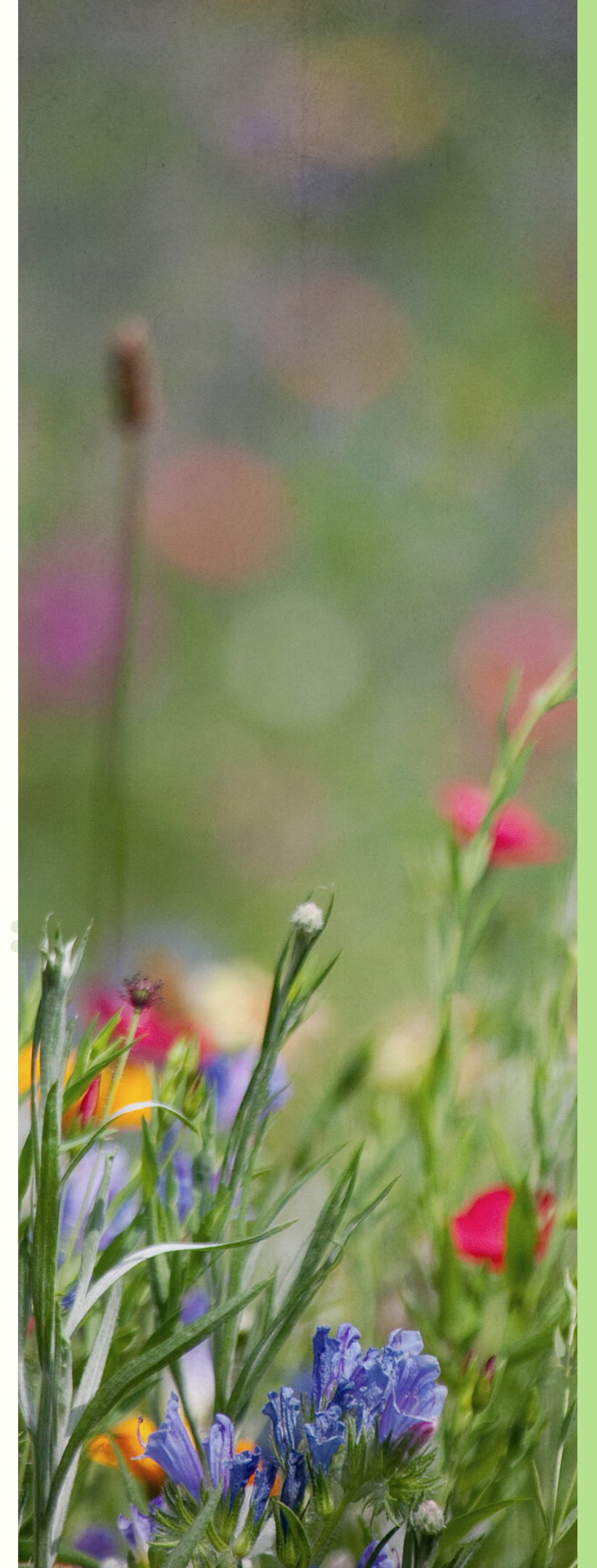
# SAMPLE MESSAGING LAUDATO SI'

During #COP27, as the climate crisis weighs heavily upon us, and we struggle to find hope, let us join in prayer for the global passion & will we need to take #JustAndAmbitious #ClimateAction. Discover prayers to guide you <https://bit.ly/3si6aiu> via @LaudatoSiMvmt

As brothers and #Sisters4OurCommonHome, we are each called to take #ClimateActionNow. To learn more about how individuals actions and dreams, when shared, can change the course of #ClimateChange, watch @LaudatoSiMvmt's The Letter <https://theletterfilm.org/> #COP27

We are at a precipice: the world that future generations inherit depends on what we do NOW. Govts at #COP27 must recognize the suffering caused by the climate crisis & take concrete action. If we join together & act, we can change the future. Take action: <https://theletterfilm.org/take-action/>

Despite overwhelming scientific evidence & a striking increase in climate disasters & ecological emergencies, world leaders have yet to ACT with the requisite scientific & moral urgency. #CatholicSistersAtCOP27 stand with @LaudatoSiMvmt & call for #ClimateActionNOW at #COP27



# MORE RESOURCES

For more information and opportunities to act, take a look at these resources created by JCoR members and partners



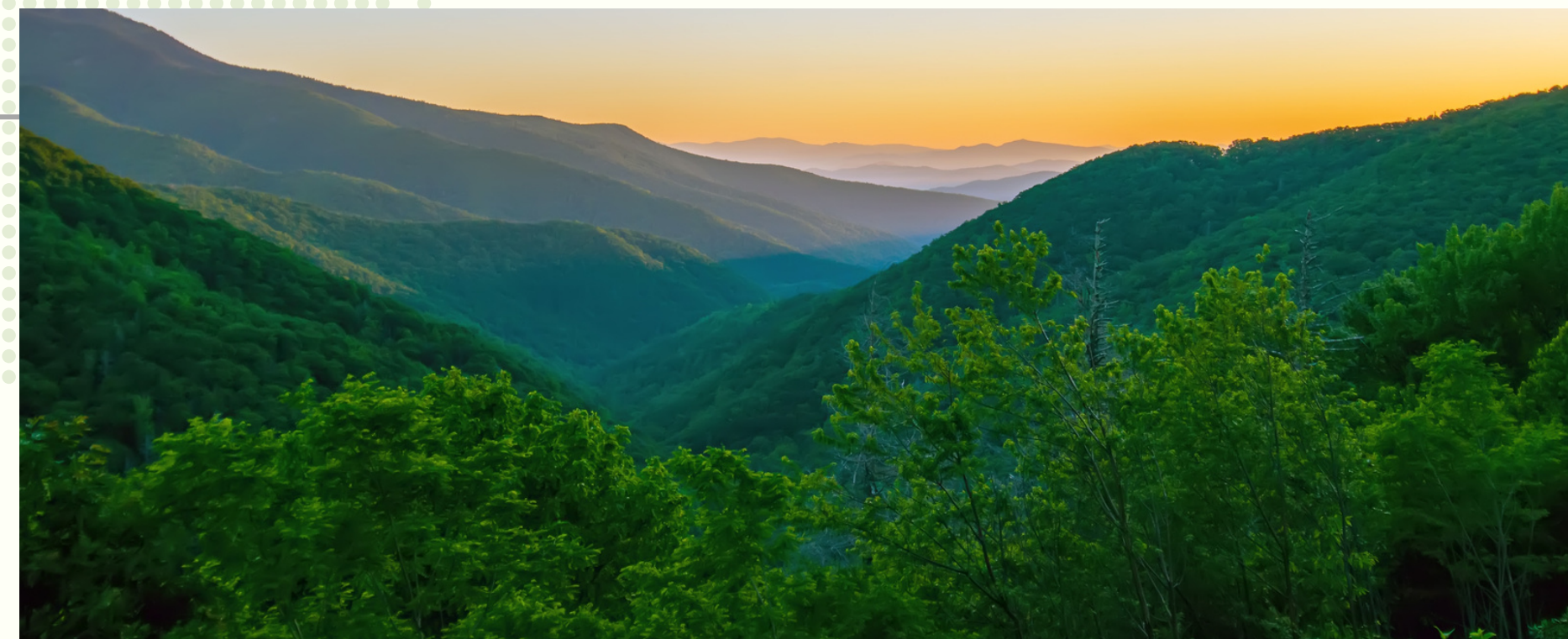
## Shoeless on Sinai: A Digital Pilgrimage to COP27

Check out our guide to a special COP27 digital pilgrimage. Join global Religious through dedicated events and pray in solidarity with the whole Earth Community - in collaboration with with Catholic Sisters, Brothers, priests, and other faith leaders who will be advocating for environmental justice in the UN proceedings on the Sinai Peninsula. Visit the dedicated [webpage](#) to learn more.



## The UN and You: COP27

This report, published by the [Sisters of Charity Federation at the UN](#), calls on participants at COP27 to deliver on solidarity and accountability. It summarizes measures of success for the conference, including adaptation, loss and damage, climate finance, COP27 as Africa's COP, a just transition to clean energy, and the participation of civil society. Click [here](#) to read the report.



## COP27 Reflection Calendar

The [Dominican Leadership Conference](#) created a reflection calendar for COP27 and the month of November. Click [here](#) to access daily readings and reflections (available in English, French, and Spanish).



# NOTHING IS MORE **IMPORTANT**

than finding a way to live together - justly, respectfully, sustainably,  
joyfully - on the only planet we can call home.

~Annie Leonard, Executive Director of Greenpeace