

Portsmouth Diocese has Divested From Fossil Fuels!

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Great news! On October 26th Portsmouth diocese joined in with the Global Fossil Fuel Divestment announcement.

Bishop Philip stated “This decision, which has my full support, was taken by Diocesan Trustees recently, and reflects the commitment from both clergy and laity throughout Portsmouth diocese... to play our part in the search for a more equitable use of our mother earth’s resources... to “live simply” and in solidarity with the poor.

Pope Francis spoke in his Laudato Si encyclical of St Francis of Assisi’s words:

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.

I am delighted that we today are joining with many other faith organisations to raise our voices prior to COP26 to bring attention to the urgent need for change in how we use our global resources.”

The global divestment announcement, which will take place as the UK prepares to host the UN climate summit (COP26) in Glasgow in November, offers an opportunity to faith organisations – at national, regional and local levels – to highlight the urgent need to divest from fossil fuel companies and invest in solutions to the climate crisis.

" I am delighted that our diocese has committed to divest from all fossil fuel investments. Care for our Common Home is a key theme for Caritas along with Care for the Poor and this is one of many steps on our journey of care." Gerry Penfold Chair, Caritas Portsmouth Diocese.

Fantastic news well done to all those in the diocese who worked so hard to achieve this. It is a huge step towards us living more sustainably. Maybe each parish can look at living more simply and sustainably and a great way to do this is to work towards achieving the [livesimply award](#).

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