

*Global Climate Change:
A Catholic Response Study Guide*

Movement Four
Owning the Faith

Movement Four: Owing the Faith provides you an opportunity to compare your own life experience and faith with the Story and Vision of the Catholic Christian community. Through this internal dialogue, you will see how the Christian Story and Vision can inform your own experiences. This activity will confront, challenge, affirm, or possibly expand your faith.

Let's be clear: The goal of Movement Four is to help you take the Story and Vision back to your own life situation, to appropriate its meaning for your life, to make it your own. It attempts to promote a moment of "aha!" when you might come to know the Story as your own, in the context of your life. There are as many kinds of responses to this dialogue as there are people who complete this reflective activity. Make your responses to this dialogue truly your own. The more personal your response, the more this exercise will help you see the "why" of the Christian Story and Vision, thereby leading the way to Movement Five.

Activity #4

What is God calling you to do to improve your relationships with God, other people, and God's sacred creation?

You have explored your understanding of climate change and its impact on creation and people and enhanced that understanding. You've reflected on how your faith story is related to climate change and its impacts. And, you've discovered the vision of the Catholic Church and its social thought as it relates to climate change. Now, it is time to consider all of that and discern its meaning for your own life.

Imagine what the world would be like if all who were called by God responded and the world was transformed. What would happen? What would it look like? What would be the consequences for the people suffering from climate change now and in the future?

What has to happen to make us really heed God's call? How can you now begin to improve your relationship with God, with other people, and God's creation?

Express your answer in some descriptive, or even artful, way. This will help you get beyond a dry "academic" answer. In this activity, it is important to express yourself in a moving and inspiring way – to show you have been touched sincerely and authentically to how is calling God us to care for one another and all of creation.