

***Global Climate Change:  
A Catholic Response Study Guide***  
**APPENDIX ONE**

***Shared Christian Praxis***

Many facilitators/leaders are often exasperated by the common assumption among their students or small group participants that discussion of ethics or religion is no more than a sharing of opinion or personal taste. Or in other words, that the attempt to establish truth criteria is an affront to their private sensibilities. *Shared Christian Praxis* provides a practical method that will enable students or groups members to share their opinions and ideas in a manner that not only exposes them to truth criteria, but also challenges their opinions, ideas and presuppositions.

Two key questions are: Why do we do what we do? What are our hopes in doing it? In trying to address these, critical reflection aims to achieve three things: (1) Evaluate the present, noticing the obvious, and develop a critique of it; (2) Uncover the past in the present, and discover how the past influences the present (i.e., discover the personal and social genesis of our present action); and (3) Creatively imagine and envision the future.

*Shared Christian praxis* is action determined after reflecting on one's understanding of what scripture and Catholic social teaching have to say about an issue or concern. "*Praxis*" means to take action and influence a specific issue. This reflection/action process is most beneficial when carried out in a small group.

***Shared Christian praxis*** has six elements:

- (1) Focus attention on a specific issue.
- (2) Help participants express their life experiences related to the issue.
- (3) Engage participants in an intuitive and analytical reflection on the issue;
- (4) Break open God's Word in scripture and Catholic Social Teaching so they can find out what God is saying to them about the issue.
- (5) Reflect on what God is saying to us about the issue or what God is calling us to do.
- (6) Encourage participants to decide what they will do to respond to God: as individuals, with friends or family, and with the wider community.

Give this approach a try. You will find that the praxis of reflection/action will:

- Make sacred Scripture come alive for people in their daily lives.
- Show participants how to claim Catholic Social Teaching as their own.
- Present a way to bring forth God's Kingdom on earth.

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**Additional Web Resources**

**Religious and Moral Perspective & Action**

Climate Change: A Moral Problem  
[http://www.ncrlc.com/...](http://www.ncrlc.com/)

Catholic Coalition on Climate Change  
[www.catholicsandclimatechange.org](http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org)

Catholic Climate Covenant  
[www.catholicsandclimatechange.org/pdf/Covenant\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org/pdf/Covenant_flyer.pdf)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops  
<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/ejp/climate/>

Interfaith Climate Change Network  
<http://protectingcreation.org/>

The Regeneration Project  
<http://www.theregenerationproject.org/>

Cool Congregations  
<http://www.coolcongregations.com/>

**Science**

The Climate Institute  
[http://www.climate.org/climate\\_main.shtml](http://www.climate.org/climate_main.shtml)

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
<http://www.ipcc.ch/>

National Academy of Science (search for "climate change")  
<http://www.nationalacademies.org/>

U.S. Climate Change Science Program  
<http://www.climatescience.gov/>

**Science & Action**

Pew Center on Global Climate Change  
<http://www.pewclimate.org/>

Environmental Defense  
<http://fightglobalwarming.com/>

Union of Concerned Scientists  
[http://www.ucsusa.org/global\\_warming/](http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/)

U.S. Climate Action Network  
<http://usclimatenetwork.org/>

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**Evaluation Form**

*Please check the boxes that reflect your experience. Your feedback is much appreciated and will improve this study guide.*

*Please check one box for each statement.  
 Add specific comments below.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4	5
Overall, I found this curriculum useful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will be able to apply what I learned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The instructions for carrying out the activities were easy to follow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The science information was helpful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explaining Catholic social teaching was good.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Suggestion(s) I have for improving the curriculum are ...

That which I found most useful was ....

I believe my faith tradition calls me to the following specific action...

Other comments I have regarding *Global Climate Change: A Catholic Response* ...

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