Working in solidarity makes it much easier to tackle climate change. Join us by taking part in Caritas Hearts 4 Climate and make your own personal pledge for climate justice, draw strength from your friends and send a clear message to our Prime Minister that, out of love and compassion, you are asking for strong climate action.

The action

Small heart  Write down something you’ll do to better care for our common home and our neighbours. Keep this as a personal reminder.

Big heart  Write down what you love and want to protect, and also a message asking our Prime Minister to take action on climate. This one goes to the Prime Minister.

Host a group action

For each person, print off one small and one big heart using the template.

Once everyone has written on their hearts, stick the big hearts into a giant heart shape on a piece of paper.

Take a photo of the group with their giant heart.  Take an ‘aerial’ shot of the students on the oval in a heart shape, holding up their hearts.

Post your big hearts, along with the Return Form, to Caritas Hearts 4 Climate, Caritas Australia, 24-32 O’Riordan Street, Alexandria NSW 2015. We will deliver your hearts to the PM’s office at key campaigning moments.

Share the love

Sharing your action is important for raising awareness and encouraging others to support climate justice.

With your MP  Invite your MP along to your Caritas Hearts 4 Climate event for a photo opportunity. Ask them to add their own heart to the group effort!

With media  Invite your local media along to the event too, or send them your group photo and a press release.

With Caritas Australia  Send a photo of your Caritas Hearts 4 Climate action to act@caritas.org.au

On social media  Use the hashtag #OurCommonHome and #PopeforPlanet and tag us @CaritasAust

For a template press release and tips on how to engage MPs and the media, see our MP and Media Engagement Kits at caritas.org.au/climate/resources
**Future actions**
Sign up to our campaign email list, *inside Caritas campaigns*, to get our latest news on climate justice and future actions. You can sign up online at [www.caritas.org.au/climate](http://www.caritas.org.au/climate)

"Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." – Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’*

**WHY HEARTS?**
‘Caritas’ means love and compassion in Latin. Love and compassion are two core values that impel us to care for our common home and each other, especially the children, women and men who are most vulnerable to and affected by climate change. Through love and compassion, together we will find the solutions.

Put your love and compassion in action by writing these ‘love letters for climate justice’ on hearts.

Children from an education program on the Thai-Burma border making a heart to represent ‘Caritas’ or love and compassion.

"God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. Caritas is a manifestation of that love which translates “global warming” into a worldwide warming of our hearts to the poor.”

- Cardinal Luis Tagle, Caritas Internationalis President, July 2015

**WHY campaign on climate justice?**
Climate change is the single biggest threat to reducing global poverty. While every person on the planet is affected by climate change, the impact is especially severe for women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty – those who have done the least to contribute to global warming.

The communities we work with have told us of the increasing ferocity of cyclones and other extreme weather-related events, of rising sea levels, of the increasing unpredictability of farming seasons and food security, of water supplies contaminated with salinity, and of the negative impacts on community wellbeing and health.

We can achieve climate justice if we all work together in solidarity.

To learn more about climate justice, visit [www.caritas.org.au/climate](http://www.caritas.org.au/climate)

"Gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love."

– Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’*

**RETURN FORM**
Pop this in the envelope with your hearts and post to: **Caritas Hearts 4 Climate, Caritas Australia, 24-32 O’Riordan Street, Alexandria NSW 2015**
This will help us record how many people have taken part in the action. This information is really powerful when showing our politicians how much we care about climate justice.

Name of school or group: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________  Post Code ________________________________

Your email address: _________________________________________________________________

How many students & teachers took part in this activity? __________________________________

We would love to see your photos of the action. If you would like your school to be featured in our marketing communications, including on our website, media, social media or publications, please provide your details below. Please ensure you have the correct permissions (including from parents/guardians where required) before sending your photos to us at act@caritas.org.au

Tick the box to receive email updates about our campaigns  Tick the box to receive our Teachers’ e-news
I love ...

Prime Minister, I ask you to be a Leader for Justice and protect our climate by:

Name & school: