

## MPS EARTH PROJECT A CALL TO ACTION

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### Earth

We believe in the need to work toward the sustainability of life and support movements and legislation that secure the fundamental right to water for everyone, and that address climate change. That leads us to examine our own behaviors and policies and to adopt more environmentally sustainable practices. We also advocate against hydrofracking; against mining that impacts indigenous and impoverished communities; for regulations that protect land, air and water; and for national and international agreements that mitigate climate change and ensure support for those most vulnerable to its effects. [www.sistersofmercy.org](http://www.sistersofmercy.org)

**On this year's Foundation Day, we focus on one of the Sisters of Mercy Critical Concerns: Earth.**

April 22, 2020 marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, an annual event celebrated globally to show support for protecting the environment and our planet. This milestone prompted further discussions regarding climate change and what actions the MPS community could be doing to be more sustainable and help protect the Earth's resources. As a result of these discussions, and with the desire to have active participation in the school community, the MPS Earth Project was formed.

The MPS Earth Project is undertaking several initiatives this year that we hope everyone will choose to be involved with in some way to promote a more sustainable way of life. Whether it is making a change in what you eat, helping with a park clean-up, choosing a reusable shopping bag (a fun MPS one!), being part of our tree planting campaign, not using single-use plastics, using a refillable water bottle (of course, MPS water bottles are always a great choice), limiting driving to what is necessary, or any of the other many actions that can help reduce the carbon footprint of the MPS community. We hope that everyone finds ways to be more sustainable and Earth-friendly in their choices. Please be sure to follow Instagram [@mps\\_earth](#) for more information and updates.

NO ACTION IS TOO SMALL!!! It is a collective effort that will enable the MPS community to be successful in these efforts. We hope that we can count on everyone to take part in whatever way they can to reduce their carbon footprint.

As a way to bring more awareness to some of the issues related to climate change, and what the MPS community can do to help make a difference, please watch the presentations created by the student leaders of the MPS Earth Project. Feel free to contact us at [mpsearthproject@mpslakers.com](mailto:mpsearthproject@mpslakers.com). We can all make a difference!

Sincerely in mercy,

Mr. Rinke

Ms. Karlinchak

Mr. Ochalek

Here are more great resources for information and ideas on how to reduce your carbon footprint and live more sustainably:

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/>

<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/get-involved/advocate-for-social-justice/mercy-earth-challenge/>

<https://blogs.ei.columbia.edu/2018/12/27/35-ways-reduce-carbon-footprint/>

<https://countdown.ted.com/>

<https://minimalistbaker.com/15-easy-healthy-vegetarian-dinner-recipes/>

<https://www.yummly.com/diets/vegetarian>