



The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

As you prepare to host COP26 in Glasgow, I write to you on behalf of the Catholic community of England and Wales to offer our support as you work to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The urgency of the global ecological crisis is increasingly recognised. It is indeed a dark cloud over humanity, a crisis which is both social and environmental.

As you will recognise, the Catholic faith calls us to care for our common home with all people of good will. During this last year we have been urging and demonstrating many excellent projects and initiatives, in so many parishes, schools and dioceses. They illustrate the impact which even the smallest actions can make on the challenge facing us and they inspire a hope that whilst the crisis is human made so too are its solutions.

As you pursue your stated aims, in a difficult and crucial meeting, we ask that you:

- Support poorer and more vulnerable communities in the face of the devastating effects of climate change,
- Take a lead in international efforts to develop and champion green energy solutions,
- Do all you can to lead partnership between all nations in reducing harmful emissions and in keeping global warming to its stated goals.

We plan to make this letter public, with an explanatory note, as we seek to encourage the Catholic community to support your endeavours in caring for the environment.

Be assured of our prayers for you and Her Majesty's Government in your leadership of this most important meeting.

Yours sincerely

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