



THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT

The coronavirus has exposed the fault lines of injustice in our society.

In Ecuador, officials in the country's Social Security Institute stand accused of inflating prices for desperately needed masks, while the working poor continue to crowd public places. And in an almost unimaginable tragedy, the bodies of those who have died lie in the streets, as years of corruption have reduced medical personnel and supplies.

The most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers are falling victim to injustice right now.

For the long term, fossil fuel companies and the policymakers who enable them see an opportunity for profit on a grand scale.

In North America, "emergency" decisions have been made to embolden and enable the fossil fuel giants that are putting oil pipelines along and across indigenous land.

Just last week, in the midst of the pandemic, TC Energy, the builder of the Keystone pipeline, said it would restart work on its dirty and disastrous pipeline—thanks to a \$1.1 billion investment from the government of Alberta, Canada.

In the United States, state and federal governments have made protesting the pipeline a felony crime and given pipeline workers an exemption from stay-at-home orders. Putting people to work is important—but the hard-working men and women on these projects deserve better.

A warmer world is a sicker world.

Climate change brings the risk of an increase in the severity of respiratory diseases like asthma and the frequency of intestinal diseases like cholera. The World Health Organization estimates that in the coming decades, climate change will cause 250,000 deaths per year. The majority of them will be among "the least of these."

As we enter Holy Week and reflect on our hope of new life, I invite you to consider how this injustice can be redeemed.

In the next two weeks, we'll share new resources for discerning how to work for the greater good during this crisis.

As Pope Francis said, "Truly, much can be done!"

In faith,

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PS: Our most vulnerable brothers and sisters deserve dignity and hope—you can help by donating to [Caritas Project Comapssion](#)