

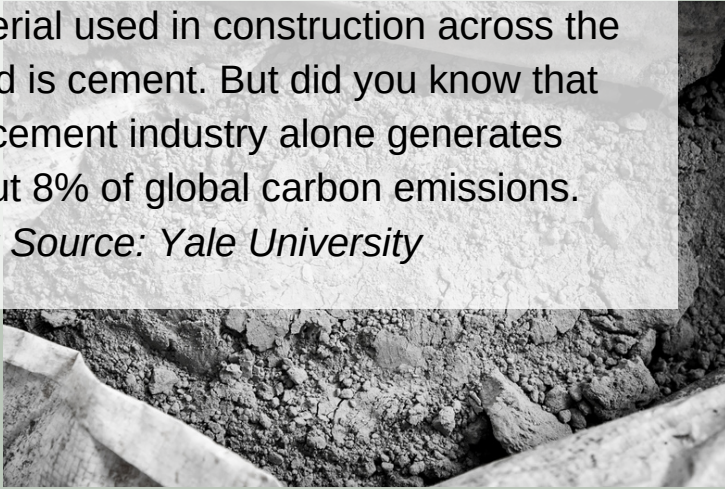
RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - AUGUST

A NEWSLETTER INSPIRING AND ENABLING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

FACT

We all need shelter and one revolutionary material used in construction across the world is cement. But did you know that the cement industry alone generates about 8% of global carbon emissions.

Fact Source: Yale University



LIVE SIMPLY

Trial having a minimalist wardrobe. Try to reduce the range of clothes that you wear for the next month. Then at the end of the month see what you don't need and consider giving those clothes to a charity shop.

LIVE SUSTAINABLY

Reduce your electricity consumption.

Make the most of these light (if wet) summer months and try to go a full day without turning a light on. Try to be more economical with your use of other electrical appliances and consider spending more time outside or reading instead of using a device like a TV, smart phone or tablet.

LIVE IN SOLIDARITY

Take some time to learn more about indigenous groups and their understanding of the world.

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis called us to care for the natural environment as well as each other. Learning more about other people around the world can help us to understand each other's needs but also the planet better.



NEWS, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES

UN International Day of the World's Indigenous People

9th August

Violations of the rights of the world's Indigenous Peoples have become a persistent problem. However, they have the right to make their own decisions and also carry a wealth of unique knowledge and ideas that often leads the way on climate change solutions. For more information visit <https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day>

Season of Creation

1st September - 4th October

Inspired by Prophet Amos (Amos 5: 24) this year's theme for the Season of Creation is "Let Peace and Justice Flow". We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

To find out more about the theme and for information on how to get involved visit seasonofcreation.org.

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