

## What types of activities and service does the Franciscan Earth Club do?

- Plant and wildlife identification
- Nature hikes and snowshoeing
- Visit parks, forests, and wildlife refuges
- Plant trees and remove noxious species
- Restore wildlife habitats
- Train with maps, compass, and GPS
- Nature arts and journaling
- Nature prayers and retreats



## What types of environmental issues will the Franciscan Earth Club explore?

Water, soil and air pollution • Recycling  
Endangered species • Energy conservation  
Forest destruction • Environmental justice  
Global climate change • Urban sprawl  
Acid rain • Toxic waste • Ecospirituality

## How do I get involved with the Franciscan Earth Corps?

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**Or speak with the contact person from your school or parish below**

Send forth your spirit, Lord  
and renew the face of the earth.



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# Franciscan Earth Club



*A Catholic environmental education & service program*



## What is the Franciscan Earth Club?

The Franciscan Earth Club is a Catholic youth environmental education and service program sponsored by St. Thomas More Campus Ministry and the Franciscans in Collaborative Ministry. The Franciscan Earth Club operates as a school or parish-based youth environmental club that engages young people in environmental education, environmental service and Franciscan ecospirituality.

The Franciscan Earth Club members learn about nature, study environmental issues, engage in environmental service projects, learn outdoor skills, participate in environmental field trips and activities, share their faith and develop leadership skills.

The Franciscan Earth Club student leaders receive training, direction, support and guidance from school faculty advisors, parish volunteers, and environmental educators from St. Thomas More Campus Ministry, who are students at SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry and Syracuse University. Adults and youth work together to plan and carry out meetings, trainings, service projects, field trips, and other activities.



***“Christians, in particular, realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith.”***

***- Pope John Paul II***

The Franciscan Earth Club takes its inspiration from the lives and spirituality of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi, who modeled a way to grow in love of God through experiences of nature. We are grounded in Catholic Social Teaching about care for creation and environmental justice.

## What are the benefits of belonging to the Franciscan Earth Club?

- Learn more about nature and important environmental issues
- Participate in meaningful environmental service projects
- Go on environmental field trips
- Fun outdoor recreation activities
- Training in outdoor skills (hiking, orienteering, camping)
- Develop friendships
- Grow in faith and spirituality
- Opportunities for leadership
- Recognition for achievement

