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### What is the People's Climate March?

- The People's Climate March is a major mobilization in New York City this September 21 to demand bold, political action to address the climate crisis.
- It is going to be the largest climate march in history! The People's Climate March is literally that—the people coming together to show that we demand a future that is within our reach. A future with an economy that works for people and the planet. A world safe from the ravages of climate change.
- This is a moment about us—the people who are standing up in our communities to organize, build power, and to shift power to a just, safe, and peaceful world.

### Why a Climate March?

As you know, On September 23, the United Nations is holding a one-day [Climate Summit at UN Headquarters in New York City](#). Leaders of the world's governments will gather to discuss the dire urgency of the climate crisis and to seek to build momentum towards an international climate treaty. Therefore, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, thousands of people will be coming to NYC to participate in a march led by young people in order to show that we care about our climate, our communities, and our futures!

### CNDs Blessed Sacrament Province and the Climate March

- The Climate March, two days before the Summit, offers people of all faiths with a vitally important opportunity to demonstrate their support for such a treaty. Large, peaceful public marches have, in the past, allowed members of society and faith communities to express our strong support about a critical public issue. *What is the great work of the CND in this age of the great turning toward the ecozoic? The same work that is for us and for all from the beginning of our Congregation*

*and the beginning of the world: "you shall love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself." What Marguerite would have us do now is what we have always been called to do. And so we must show similar concern and resolve, en masse, about climate change for our neighbors on creation.*

- Since many of us vowed and associate CNDs are already connected as participants in this Climate March through various, perhaps even multiple groups and activities, here is some information that might be helpful to all of us in our province. FYI:
- For those of you in our province and their friends planning to march, you are welcome to march with the CNDs: We are registered under the large umbrella of InterFaith as people of a Climate March faith Community with GreenFaith. Our registration can be found under: **Congregation of Notre Dame USA Province, and Congregation of Notre Dame Creation Collaborators.**

If you are marching with the Interfaith Contingent their Assembly area will assemble on **58<sup>th</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue** on the day of the March. We'll be among the last groups stepping into the main stream of the March – in order to give time for Christians and others who have Sunday-morning obligations to join us, and in order to allow Muslims to fulfill their mid-day prayer obligation before we all move out. <http://peoplesclimate.org/faith/>

This block will be our pre-March home, our place of prayer, and the starting point for our day's journey. May it be blessed. And – the block will hold at least 10,000 of us, so let's pack it full! **Look for our CND Green and white flag in that block. Follow CND Twitter.**

- For those of you who are marching with our CNDs in the United Nations – **The United for Peace and Justice group UFPJ** will march with the Peace & Justice contingent. UFPJ is part of the Peace & Justice "Hub" which is being ably convened by former UFPJ National Co-Coordinator, George Martin. **The Peace and Justice contingent will assemble at 10:30 am for a rally on Central Park West north of Columbus Circle.** Confirmed speakers include Bill McKibben, Tom Hayden, Medea Benjamin, Father John Dear, Margaret Stevens, and Erica Violet-Lee of Idle No More, with music by Emma's Revolution, Dar Williams, and Holly Near. The march from this Columbus Circle location steps off at 11:30 am.

Rose Mary Sullivan and I will be coordinating the information about CND responses to this day. Please help us by letting us know your plans as marchers and as prayers or event participants in New York or at a distance. Whatever way you are participating, we would like to know about it. Rose Mary has CND Badges for you! Check First Class on Wednesday (9/10/14 for a prayer service you can use if you are at a distance. Call or send us your information or questions in emails – to both of us- [rsullivan@cnd-m.org](mailto:rsullivan@cnd-m.org) and [jackiehcnd@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiehcnd@hotmail.com). Thank you, Jackie Hanrahan, CND

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