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Catholic Moms Applaud Pope for Climate Change Encyclical
Cite moral obligation to protect clean air for healthy children

DENVER – Catholic moms with Colorado Moms Know Best are celebrating today’s papal encyclical on reversing climate change issued today by the Pope. The document clearly articulated the need to limit fossil fuel pollution as a way to protect humanity and the natural world.

“As a Catholic, I believe we have a moral obligation to protect the health of all people and be faithful stewards of Creation,” said Robin Odoisio, a mom with Colorado Moms Know Best. “Carbon pollution is not only making our kids sick with asthma and other illnesses, it’s driving climate change that’s causing hardship for children and families all over the globe.”

The Pope’s encyclical identified a variety of reasons that all people, not just Catholics, need to address climate change now including a moral obligation to care for the natural world that sustains us all, including our children and grandchildren. He also described the strong link between respecting human dignity and care for the planet.

“It’s time to stop relying on fossil fuels and promote renewable energy to ensure our kids have clean air to breathe when they’re playing outside,” said Emma Pinter, head mom at Colorado Moms Know Best. “We are so grateful for the Pope’s leadership on addressing climate change to provide healthy air for our children and our elders.”

The scientific consensus on the connection between human activity and recent climate change is so strong the U.S. military and the global business community are actively planning and implementing ways of addressing it. The World Health Organization estimates that climate change already causes 150,000 global deaths annually, so the time to make significant policy changes to address this worldwide problem is NOW.

[Colorado Moms Know Best](#) is a network of parents standing up for our children by protecting Colorado’s outdoors and quality of life, especially our clean air. We connect concerned moms via our online network and hosting get-togethers throughout the state.

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