Season of Creation

Walk, Bike, Share-a-Ride to Work Fridays

Do you know how much fuel you use per day? Per week? Per year? In 2018 in the US, about 391.40 million gallons of finished motor gasoline were used per day! The emissions from fuel used for transportation account for about 29 percent of total US greenhouse gas emissions, making it the largest contributor to the total US greenhouse gas emissions.

Even if you can’t walk or bike there are other ways to reduce fuel consumption. Share a ride with other people or use public transportation to go to work, the supermarket, mass, parish meetings, etc.

Lord - guide our prayer and action to be a source of renewable energy for the earth. May we slow down amidst the hustle and bustle of the world to start building peace and instilling a love of creation in the hearts of those around us.

Take Action!

- Create a group on WhatsApp or Facebook with people of your work, parishioners, friends or relatives to talk about carpooling
- Provide cold pitchers of beverages for committee members who walk or ride to meetings (and bring their own water bottle!)
- Make taking the bus an opportunity to teach kids about maps, schedules, & the community

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Resources

More ways to take action
- Try IndyGo bus routes in September (Red line free all month, other routes first 2 weeks only)
- Biggest ways Americans can change their transportation habits

Impact of fossil fuels on the environment
- Fossil Fuels: The Dirty Facts (NRDC)

Media and tools
- Air pollution in cities (video)
- EPA’s Carbon Footprint Calculator
- Google “Carpool tool” - there are many out there!

Articles
- Getting Around Without Fossil Fuels (Building Green)
- Everything You Need to Know About Biking to Work (Bicycling)
- Pope Francis Takes the Bus, and Other Unexpected Stories (book by Rosario Carello)

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