



All Things Ignatian



Sustainability

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Pope Francis on sustainability

“Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be ‘protectors’ of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

-- Homily of Pope Francis, March 19, 2013

Making an impact on campus and in the community



In 2009, Fr. John Schlegel signed the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) on behalf of Creighton University. The university pledges to:

- Complete an emissions inventory
- Develop a Climate Action Plan:
 - Set target date for climate neutrality
 - Determine interim milestones
- Integrate sustainability into the educational curriculum
- Make the action plan, inventory, and progress reports public

The Climate Action Plan, finalized in 2013, lists concrete steps to reduce the university’s greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050, with a 40% reduction by 2028, the sesquicentennial of the university.

Jesuits on sustainability

Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, asked that we seek the “magis,” the greater. Thus, we are called to be more generous, more compassionate, more forgiving. When it comes to sustainability, “magis” can also mean less: we can consume less and exploit resources less. This requires the generosity Ignatius asks of us – to share what we have equally with others now and in generations to come.

-- Fr. Ray Bucko, SJ

Sustainability Council Webpage

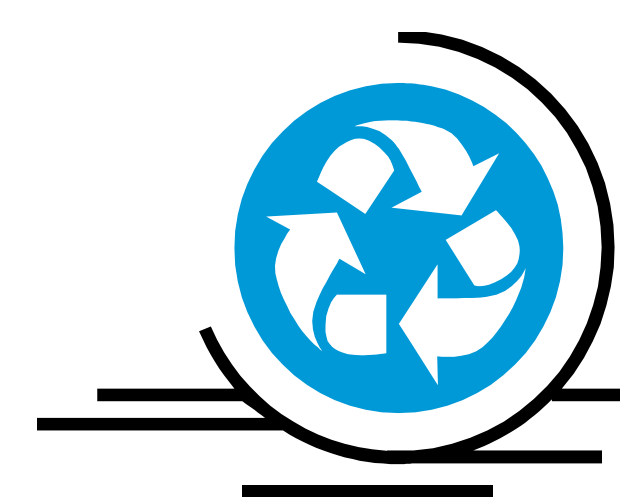
The Sustainability Council

The Sustainability Council at Creighton University is made up of students, staff, and faculty. The goal of our organization is to bring effective sustainability strategies to Creighton University, integrating this important movement into what we teach, how we live and work at the University, and extending this philosophy to our daily lives.

<http://www.creighton.edu/about/sustainability>



Over 40,000 pounds of materials were donated to Goodwill from 9 residence halls in 2013.



Creighton recycles approximately a half-million pounds of materials annually.



After a student-led effort, Creighton was the first Catholic university to be designated a Fair Trade University.

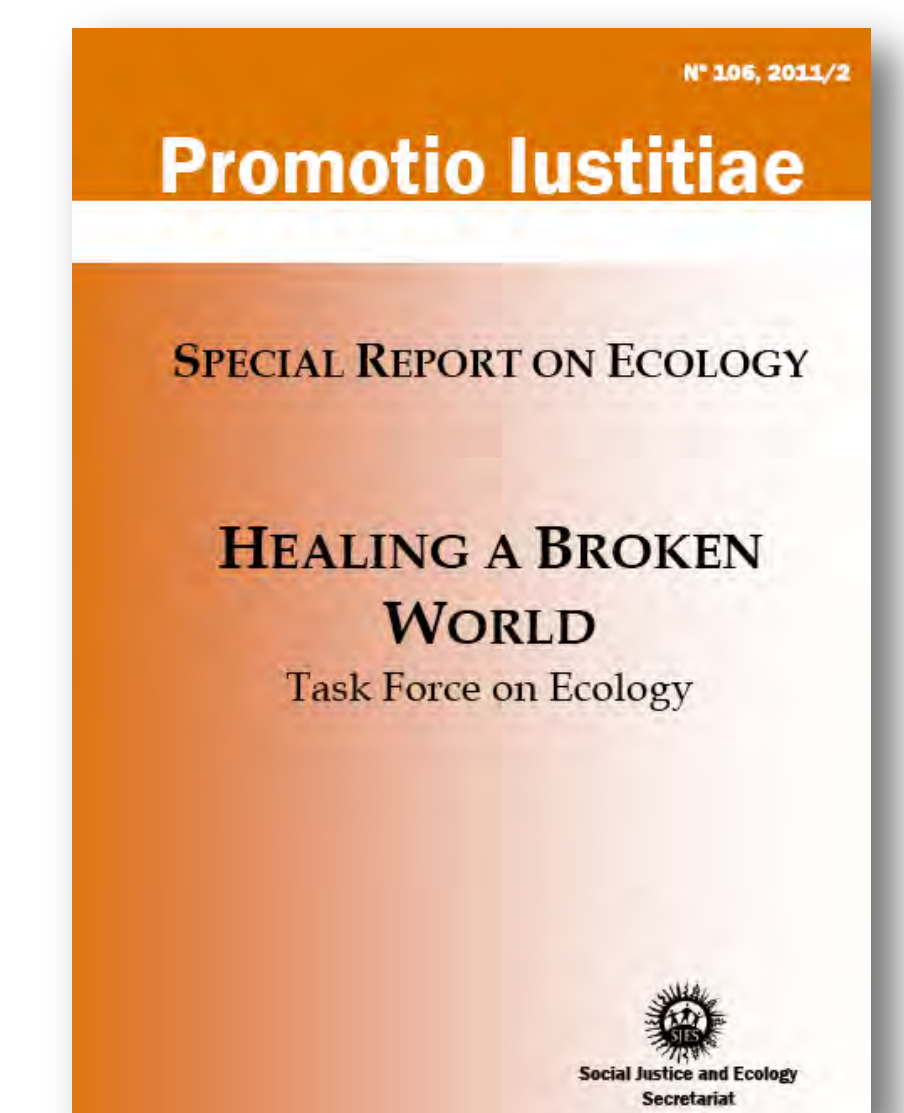


More than 7,500 pounds of clothing was donated to local charities in 2012 and 2013.



Following Fr. Timothy Lannon signing the St. Francis Pledge on behalf of Creighton, the university community is encouraged to take the pledge as individuals and to act on each of the five elements.

Published in 2011, Healing a Broken World is the Jesuit response to environmental and ecological challenges.



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