

*At its core, global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures. It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family...*

U.S. Catholic Bishops



*Creation is a gift, it is the marvelous gift that God has given us, so that we will take care of it and harness it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.*

Pope Francis



## **Global Climate Change is Changing Us**

**Friday, April 24, 2015 7:00 p.m. –  
Saturday, April 25, 2015 4:00 p.m.**

\$125.00 - overnight includes retreat, lodging, and Friday pizza supper and Saturday breakfast and lunch.

\$100.00 - commuter includes retreat, Friday pizza supper and Saturday lunch.

\$75.00 Saturday only includes retreat and Saturday lunch.

**Registration by April 15, 2015  
Arrival time from 5:00 p.m.**

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## **Global Climate Change is Changing Us**

**A retreat integrating  
scientific insights, spiritual  
wisdom and choices for action**



***We are losing the attitude  
of wonder, contemplation,  
listening to creation...***  
Pope Francis

**April 24 – 25, 2015**



**Villa Maria, Pennsylvania**

**Daniel J. Misleh**



**Executive Director  
Catholic Climate Covenant**

Dan promotes education and action for the Catholic Climate Covenant – a national Catholic partnership that includes the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and a dozen other agencies. The Covenant presents a Catholic approach to climate change that is directed to the common good, encourages others to embrace ancient teachings about the care of creation, and demonstrates a priority concern for those already at risk from climate change - the vulnerable at home and abroad.

Dan served eleven years at the USCCB both as a policy advisor and as Direction of Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. He holds a degree in Business Management from Xavier University, Cincinnati and a Masters in Theology from Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley.

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Natural warming and cooling of Earth is a sacred evolutionary process that continues as part of the dynamic of the universe. However, 97% of climate scientists agree that climate change over the past century is very likely due to human activities. With extremes taking place so rapidly, our life source systems are impacted in dramatic ways and we are entering a new era some have called the Anthropocene.

This overnight retreat integrates scientific insights with spiritual wisdom based on Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and the mission of the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Input, conversation, contemplation, and ritual allow time to reflect and discern personal choices and communal actions needed for a sustainable future.

Resources include a copy of *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue Prudence and the Common Good* from the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

**Sister Barbara O'Donnell, HM**



**Staff member, Villa Maria Education  
and Spirituality Center**

Barbara is an educator with youth and adults focusing on spirituality and ecological sustainability. She integrates Catholic perspectives within a cosmic worldview and offers presentations and retreat opportunities that include reflection on the meaning of humility in relationship to all life communities. She serves as an Ambassador with the Catholic Climate Covenant. She is also a member of Sisters of Earth and other Eco networks.

Barbara holds Master Degrees in Religious Education from LaSalle University, Philadelphia and in Earth Literacy from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Terra Haute.

