

**The impact of climate change falls heaviest on the poor.**  
**Our faith invites us to tread lightly and act boldly.**

Our cars and power plants, more energy consumption and waste — we're leaving a bigger carbon footprint. Scientists tell us that means more climate change. Here and around the world, it is the poor who will be hit hardest. With more droughts, floods, hunger and joblessness.

As faithful Catholics, we have a moral obligation to care for both Creation and the poor. Pope Benedict XVI insists, *"Before it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions"* to curb climate change.

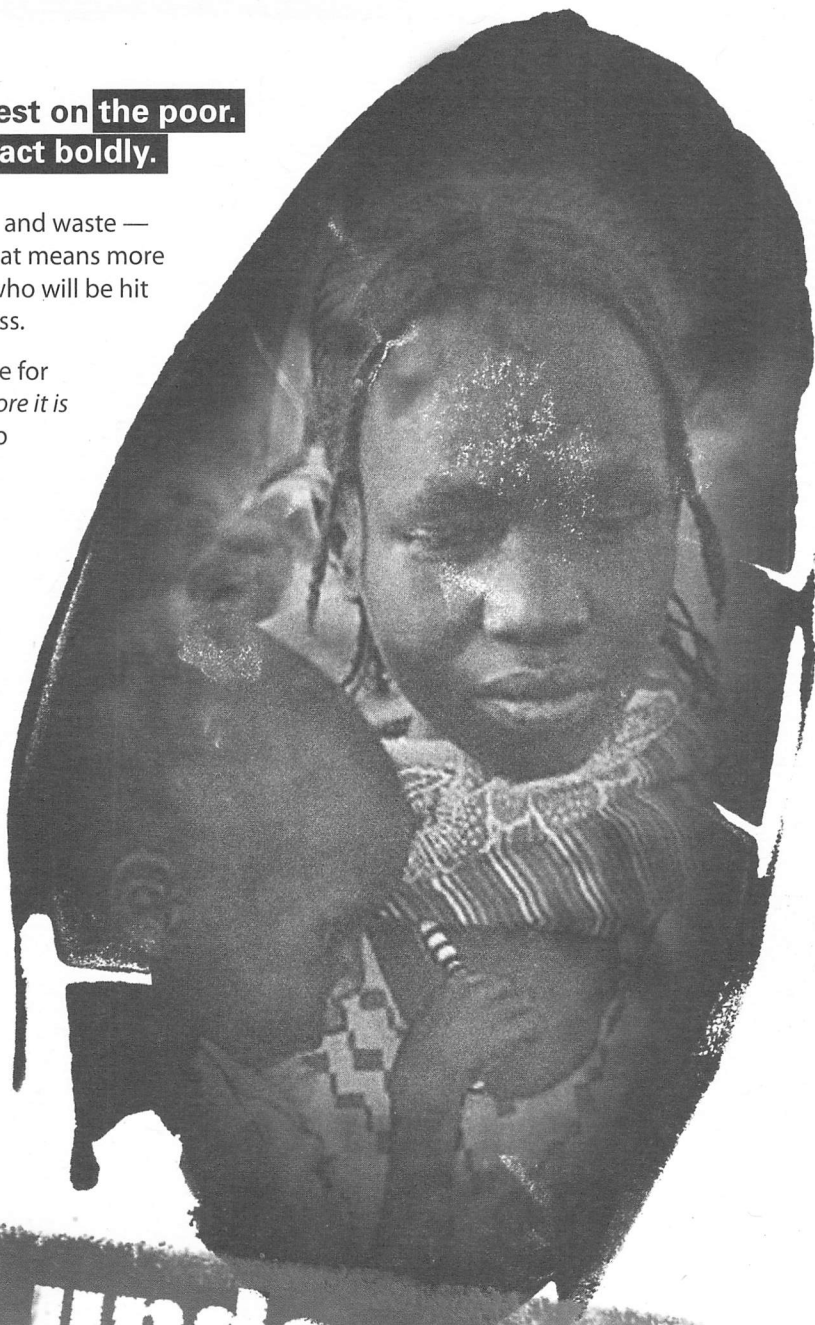
**Take the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. Pray • Learn • Assess • Act • Advocate**

Join Catholics taking action in our families, parishes, schools and communities to reduce our carbon footprint, care for *"the least of these"* (Mt 25) and raise our voice on behalf of Creation and the poor.



**Catholic Climate Covenant<sup>sm</sup>**  
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

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**Who's under your  
carbon footprint?**

