

The logo for 'MERCY EARTH CHALLENGE' features the words 'MERCY', 'EARTH', and 'CHALLENGE' stacked vertically in a bold, green, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a colorful, stylized flower-like icon composed of several overlapping petals in shades of green, yellow, orange, blue, and purple, with a small globe of the Earth at its center. The entire logo is set against a white background with green triangular accents in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

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*{C}hanges in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children. There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation... (Laudato Si #25)*

This week we seek to deepen our understanding of and response to the millions of people around the world displaced by catastrophic weather increasingly attributed to climate change.

While the novel coronavirus has swept the globe and jolted nations into action within just a couple of months, climate change is often a more slow-moving disaster as deserts gradually expand and sea levels gradually rise, forcing whole communities to move. Then there's the occasional devastating storm that can displace thousands of people at once.

We pray and advocate for Guatemalan farmers forced to migrate north due to a prolonged drought, island nations planning for mass relocations, herders in East Africa trying to move their animals out of the way of huge swarms of locusts and all of those displaced by climate change.

We invite you to:

- [Pray for environmental migrants](#) with the Catholic Healthcare Association of the United States
- [Learn more about people displaced by climate change](#) and international efforts to recognize their plight and seek solutions

- Make a donation to groups assisting immigrants in your community who are struggling with the health and economic impacts of COVID-19.