

**B**efore it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions that reflect knowing how to re-create a strong alliance between humanity and the earth. . . . A decisive “yes” to the protection of creation is necessary and a firm commitment to reduce those tendencies that run the risk of bringing about situations of unstoppable degradation.

Pope Benedict XVI

**W**e have reached a point of planetary emergency.

Dr. James Hansen,  
Director of NASA’s  
Goddard Institute for  
Space Studies, in testimony  
on climate change  
before Congress,  
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# The Catholic Climate Covenant

A Symposium on Climate  
Change and Catholic Social  
Teaching



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**Sunday, April 5, 2009**

**WELCOME** 2:00-2:30 p.m.  
*Alter Hall, Xavier University*

**PLENARY** 2:30-3:45 p.m.  
**Climate Change and Catholic Social Teaching**  
*Kelley Auditorium, Alter Hall*

Dr. William Rauckhorst,  
Professor of Physics, Miami  
University

Tony Stieritz,  
Director of Social Action  
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

**WORKSHOPS** 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
*Alter Hall Classrooms*

1. Congregational Energy Audits  
Dr. Greg Hitzhusen, Ohio  
Interfaith Power and Light

2. Tools for Congregations and  
Educators  
Dr. Leanne Jablonski, F.M.I.  
Marianist Environmental  
Education Center

3. Renewable Energy  
Dr. Paula Gonzalez, S.C.

4. Food and Agriculture  
Dr. John Sniegocki, Xavier  
University

5. Franciscan Care of Creation: Water Issues  
and Climate Change  
Rosie Miller, O.F.M.

6. Mountain Top Removal Strip Mining in  
the Appalachians and Climate Change  
Joanne Koehl, S.C.

**WORKSHOPS** 5:00-5:45 p.m.  
*Repeat offerings*

**DINNER** 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
*Gallagher Center, Xavier University*

A simple buffet dinner consisting of  
vegetarian lasagna and salad will be  
served by Power Inspires Progress, a  
non-profit restaurant and catering  
service that provides job training and  
employment to persons in need of  
work. Tickets for the optional dinner  
are \$10 per person.

**LECTURE** 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
**Dr. David Orr**  
*Cintas Center, Xavier University*

David Orr is the Paul Sears  
Distinguished Professor of  
Environmental Studies and Politics at  
Oberlin College. His lecture on  
climate change, politics, and public  
policy is sponsored by Xavier's  
Ethics/Religion and Society Program.  
The lecture is free and open to the  
public.

## REGISTRATION

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Name(s)

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Address, City, State, Zip

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Parish

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Phone and Email

*You are welcome to attend all or part of the  
symposium. Workshop selections will be made on  
site. If you wish to attend only the public lecture  
by David Orr sponsored by Xavier's E/RS  
program, no registration is necessary.*

I enclose a free-will offering of \_\_\_\_\_.

I am including payment for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the  
optional buffet dinner @ \$10 each.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to carpool. Please put me in  
touch with other registrants from my parish.

For directions to Xavier and a campus map:  
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