



August 8, 2017

Dear _____,

Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the Care of Creation...I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.” – Pope Francis, LS

In response to this message and call of Pope Francis, the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) – Pilipinas, together with various faith communities and ecological and social movements, will celebrate on September 1, 2017 the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This celebration was instituted by Pope Francis in 2015 to mark the opening of the Season of Creation.

We are organizing a **“Walk for Creation”** which hopes to mobilize 5,000 to 10,000 people of goodwill at the grounds of Burnham Green in Luneta from 4:00 am to 8:00 am. Through this activity, we aim to promote and raise awareness about September 1 as “a significant occasion for prayer, reflection, conversion and the adoption of appropriate lifestyles”.¹ It will also be a celebration to praise and thank God for His wonderful creation as well as highlight efforts and initiatives that respond to the challenges of ecological crisis. It is our hope that this celebration will bring about unity, inspire one another and amplify the people’s commitment to take bold action together to hear both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to be with us during this momentous event. We are counting on your participation as we respond together as stewards of creation to the challenge of caring for Mother Earth, our Common Home.

Herewith attached is the concept note, poster and event guidelines. Please READ GUIDELINES CAREFULLY. Also, please return to us the attached REPLY SLIP on or before August 25, 2017.

Please circulate this invitation as widely as possible.

For inquiries and confirmation, you may call us at (02) 372-3257 and 09436400936 or e-mail us at gccmpilipinas@gmail.com. For further updates and announcements, please like GCCM-Pilipinas Facebook Page.

Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of the Event Organizers,


FR. JOHN LEYDON, MSSC
Convener

¹ http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150806_lettera-giornata-cura-creato.html



REPLY SLIP

Please check the appropriate box.

I/We will attend the event.

I/We will not be able to attend the event.

REASON: _____

We will send _____
(NO. OF PAX)

Please provide the following information:

CONTACT PERSON: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____

MOBILE NO.: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE RETURN REPLY SLIP TO:

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Deadline: August 25, 2017



EVENT GUIDELINES

REGISTRATION

1. The event has NO registration fee.
2. We will be monitoring the number of attendees so please register/write your names at the nearest registration booth.
3. For big groups, you can request in advance official copy of the attendance sheet and send it to us on or before the event. Or you can make your own format with the following details (name/organization/address/e-mail/telephone or cellphone).

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1. There will be medical tents at the venue. All units are equipped with medical staff and supplies and equipment.
2. Since it is an outdoor activity, please carry an umbrella and raincoat in case it rains.

WASTE AND SANITATION

1. Please bear in mind that we want this event to be a “ZERO-WASTE” event.
2. Waste segregation bins will be deployed in different parts of the Burnham Green. Please observe proper waste disposal.
3. In case you plan to bring your own food, please bring utensil sets with you.
4. There will be drinking water stations with NO PAPER CUPS. So bring your water tumblers.
5. Portalets (Portable Toilets) will be available at the venue.

SECURITY

1. Security team and event marshalls will be deployed to secure the premises, control the crowd, and maintain peace and order during the event.
2. Please do not bring non-essential items and keep your valuables safe.

DIRECTION AND PARKING

1. For directions and guidance, we will be sending you the event lay-out and map of the venue soon.
2. Please expect that parking spaces will be limited due to a large crowd of people. Thus, it is advisable to come in early to avoid inconvenience.

EVENT T-SHIRT

1. We will be producing event t-shirts at Php 250.00/pc (all sizes). T-shirt design will be available soon. You can pre-order or you can buy at the venue during the event.

EVENT I.D. BADGES

1. Event organizers, staff, and volunteers will be wearing I.D. badges. Should you need assistance, please approach our authorized personnel.