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Weekly Newsletter





World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence

On November 18, stand in solidarity with survivors, affirming they are not alone and deserving of protection, support, justice, and a safer world.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY NOVEMBER 20

In 1959, the United Nations adopted the **Declaration of the Rights of the Child** and in

1989, the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. It is a commitment to children's rights – to be heard, to life, to health, education, play, family, and dignity. Free from violence and discrimination.



The Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from November 30 – December 12.

From December 1-3, Pope Francis will be attending COP28. He will be speaking directly to world leaders at the summit and will also help inaugurate the first-ever Faith Pavilion at the Conference.

In *Laudate Deum*, he urges world leaders to unite at COP28 to avert climate catastrophes, noting prior COP's failures to drive meaningful action. Francis sees this time as a critical juncture in global history.

The Pope calls those with power to move beyond narrow financial interests, focusing instead on the common good, the future of the world's children, and the sacredness of life.

For Conference updates, go to: www.cop28.com



Our faith instills in us a sacred duty to cherish not only our human family but also the fragile ecosystem that cradles us.

- Interfaith Declaration on Climate Action Towards COP28

Think of the term "cradle of civilization" – what have we inherited? What do we leave for the lives of future generations?

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