

Montessori Adolescent Summit on Air and Climate Change, Manifesto
“Catching Our Breath: Addressing Declining Air Quality with Environmental, Energy and Engineering Solutions”

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What is really happening to our earth, our home? Can we adolescents do something about it?

Someone said that adolescents are 20% of the population. But we are 100% the future.

As young as we are we know that our small efforts can make a significant difference in the fight against social and environmental concerns.

We are grateful for the many advances we are experiencing through the technology that we have but we also aim to extend this gratitude to the Earth we live in—to the Earth who has remained accommodating of our stay yet quiet about our abuses.

We envision our common home, mother earth, as a place where we see not damaged lands, poisoned air, polluted water but a balance and harmony existing amongst the seven elements of creation. We envision a community where all can breathe clean air and where the environment is improved – for the health and safety of all living organisms.

We envision a community that limits no one in pursuing their passion towards a clean and sustainable environment for the generations to come - a community where people can work together in fulfilling their responsibilities as stewards of God’s creation.

We envision a planet free of poverty, pollution, ignorance, war, and many other problems that we currently face - a world where humans are active and essential protectors of the interconnectedness of God’s gifts in nature.

We, the adolescents and MISP delegates to the Air and Climate Change Summit, after weeks of research and discussions with experts, have identified the problems that are in the way of our vision. We see obstacles that we think can possibly stop us from doing what we should do.

Therefore, in order to achieve our vision, we commit ourselves to do the following actions:

- It is our goal to establish ties among adolescents not just from our school communities but also from other cities as a whole to promote activities that would magnify our desire for a healthier environment.
- We commit ourselves to inform and inspire, to elevate, and to become instruments of change.
- We commit ourselves towards the development of attitude and mindset and encourage many more to take action, solve real life problems with environment, energy, and engineering solutions.
- We commit to be more aware of our surroundings, to conduct research and inform the community of current situations and advocate solutions to include renewable energies, carbon scrubber strategies, environmentally friendly buildings, carbon-absorbing paints.
- We commit to lessen the use of fossil-burning fuels by carpooling, switching to epowered vehicles, and/or walking or biking.

- We commit to start up projects in our local communities that will lessen air pollution and carbon footprint such as reforestation, mangrove restoration, waste management.
- We commit to clean our schools, our towns and our cities, and soon, the world.
- We subscribe to the proposition that nature isn't a place where we go to visit from time to time. It is our home.
- We know we cannot achieve these visions alone. We need your help. We need your help in protecting and conserving the earth, our earth, our home, and our responsibility. Thank you.