



# ***Sustaining Life on the Land***

*Reflections on Rural Life*

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## **Questions and Answers about the Green Ribbon Campaign**

### **What is the Green Ribbon Campaign?**

A project of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, the Green Ribbon Campaign is an effort to promote awareness of the problems faced by farmers and demonstrates our solidarity with them.

### **How did the Green Ribbon Campaign get started?**

The Green Ribbon Campaign was launched in Grafton, North Dakota, by local resident Margaret Bruce, who “wanted to let hurting farmers and ranchers know that people care.”

### **Who’s sponsoring the local event?**

In the Cincinnati Archdiocese, the project is organized by the Rural Life Conference (an effort of the Office of Social Action and World Peace). The Rural Life Conference, whose members include farmers, clergy, and other concerned persons, organizes activities to raise awareness about and support for rural issues. If you would like more information about the Rural Life Conference, please call 1-800/330-3201.

### **Who’s participating?**

The Rural Life Conference has invited all forty-six parishes in the St. Marys and Sidney deaneries to participate. The Society of the Precious Blood supports this effort so strongly that the churches served by the Order in the Toledo Diocese will also receive Green Ribbon Campaign materials. Because of the generosity of the deans and of the Sisters, Brothers, and Priests of the Society of the Precious Blood, we can provide two-hundred green ribbons and prayer cards to each church for distribution. Additionally, the Rural Life Conference has prepared petitions that each parish can use during the rest of May and throughout June, as well as a sample prayer service dedicated to farmers and their work.

### **What can I, as a parishioner, do to support the Green Ribbon Campaign?**

Wear your green ribbon during the next several weeks. And let others—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—know what the ribbon stands for. Remind them that farmers are the source of our food supply; what happens to them should be of concern to all of us. Encourage your friends and neighbors to organize support for farmers in their own churches and organizations. Contact your elected officials and urge them to enact policies that protect farmers and farmland. And, of course, pray.

We also encourage each parish to enhance its participation in “The Green Ribbon Campaign” as the local community sees fit — bulletin announcements, green ribbon decorations around the church property, small group discussions, etc.



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*Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!  
You are clothed with majesty and glory....  
All creatures look to you to give them food in due time.  
When you give it to them, they gather it;  
When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.*

*Psalm 104: 1, 27-28.*

## **Green Ribbon Campaign Petitions (one each for six weekends)**

For our country's farmers: that God may grant them courage and wisdom in their efforts to preserve America's rural way of life.

***We pray to the Lord...***

For our country's farmers: that they may earn a just return on their labor.

***We pray to the Lord...***

For our country's farmers: that their bountiful harvests be shared equitably to feed the hungry throughout the world.

***We pray to the Lord...***

For our country's farmers: that our elected officials enact policies protecting rural America and the independent farmer.

***We pray to the Lord...***

For America's forgotten farmers: that we are always mindful of the migrant farm laborers and their struggle for justice and dignity.

***We pray to the Lord...***

For our country's farmers: that they always serve as wise stewards of our natural resources.

***We pray to the Lord...***