



# *Sustaining Life on the Land*

*Reflections on Rural Life*

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## **GREEN RIBBON CAMPAIGN**

The Green Ribbon Campaign is a project of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. It is an effort to promote awareness of the problems faced by farmers and demonstrate our solidarity with them.

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

You can support this Campaign by wearing a green ribbon on your coat, shirt, suit, or blouse. (Ribbons can be made available through contacting your diocesan rural life office). 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. Pray for farmers and their families and all those who labor to provide food..

### **Prayer for Farmers**

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...***