



St. Isidore

GO GREEN

EARTH DAY 2010

"OCEANS" by Disneynature in Theatres on Earth Day



Disneynature "OCEANS" arrives in theaters on Earth Day, April 22, and explores the mysteries and beauty of underwater life in footage narrated by Pierce Brosnan. Coral reefs, by providing food and shelter to many ocean species, are essential to healthy oceans, but scientists have estimated that the Caribbean's coral reefs could be in danger of dying out within 40 years without such conservancy efforts. It's a documentary, which guides audiences through Australia's Great Barrier Reef, Argentina's Peninsula Valdez and Mexico's shark-infested Roca Partida Island from the viewpoint of a sea turtle, is touted as the first feature-length nature docu filmed and released entirely in 3-D. During the opening week of "Disneynature OCEANS," the film

will donate \$.20 per ticket to the The Nature Conservancy's Adopt a Reef Program in the Bahamas, with a minimum donation of \$100,000 pledged. The promotion will run from April 22 - 28.

Go Paperless!



Each April 22 for the past 40 years, Earth Day has been an occasion to focus on our environment and the impact we have on it. Let's start to do our part together. By viewing

these statements online, you'll help decrease your carbon footprint, help save thousands of trees each month and have access to the information you need conveniently from anywhere, at any time.

Many big companies like Blue Cross Blue Shield and Chase Bank and others are doing their part so now you can do your and join in on the paperless revolution.



Plug in electronics and computers to power strips and save energy by turning off computers when not in use. Set network

systems to low-power sleep modes. Shutting down just one computer and monitor system can save up to \$100 annually.

SIS Trash to Treasure Update

Kindergarten is using milk cartons to create caterpillars and butterflies.

2nd Grade is using milk cartons and old jigsaw puzzle pieces to create pencil holders that will be donated to a local elder residence.

4th grade is making "party poppers" using toilet paper rolls to create a candy filled party favor.

7th grade is using gallon milk jugs to create skeletons while they study the skeletal system.

8th grade is using shoe boxes and some recycled statues of the Blessed Mother to create shrines to Mary. These will be donated to local nursing homes.



Earth Hour



Were you one of the millions around the world that joined in the huge success of Earth Hour 2010 last month? It is being described as the largest mass action in history. The movement grew to include tens of millions of people, in thousands of communities, in 125 countries around the world. Almost every conceivable iconic landmark across the globe went dark. With one voice, the people of the world delivered a powerful message: We care about our planet and are ready to make the switch to a low-carbon economy that will create jobs and protect us from dangerous climate change.

Even though Earth Hour is over, there is still more work to do. The climate and energy crisis facing our country requires action by our government. President Obama has called on Congress to pass clean energy and climate legislation this year that will create jobs, make America more energy independent and stave off the worst consequences of climate change. A bipartisan trio of Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), and Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) is hard at work drafting such a bill and they expect to introduce it by Earth Day.

So we are closer than ever to finally tackling the interconnected challenges of climate change, dependence on foreign oil and rebuilding our economy.

Please contact our local Senator to tell him how you feel on a special hotline set up to connect you directly to your senators: 1-800-217-7379!

Go to www.wwfus.org for more Earth hour Information at the World Wildlife Federation.



Celebrate and Explore Creation this Earth Day!

- **Visit** local or state park, land trust, beach, river, or **nature** center—give thanks and **enjoy!**
- **Shop at local farmers' market** or farm stand—give thanks for the food, soil, water and air we depend on; for those who grow and harvest our food; for farm animals.
- **Plant a Tree** – with your family, your youth group, religious education class, or as a parish activity.
For a sample parish tree planting and blessing visit:
<http://www.fmmusa.org/eng/tree06.html>
or
<http://www.webofcreation.org/Worship/services/tree.htm>
- Participate in a local park, beach or river **clean up** or restoration event.
- **Reduce** use of bottled water: Watch "Think Outside the Bottle",
<http://www.stopcorporateabuse.org/> & "Take Back the Tap",
www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/bottled/real-story

"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility toward the poor, toward future generations and toward humanity as a whole. Questions linked to the care and preservation of the environment need to give due consideration to the energy problem. The technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption.... [It] is possible to achieve improved energy efficiency while... encouraging research into alternative forms of energy."



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