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Interfaith Vigil for Creation: Prayer for Pope Francis' historic address to Congress

All are welcome to embrace a watershed moment for Creation by joining Oregon Interfaith Power & Light on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Francis Catholic Church for an interfaith prayer vigil marking the eve of Pope Francis' historic address to Congress. Hundreds of vigils around the country will mark the same occasion. A movie screening of *Merchants of Doubt*, will begin at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The vigil, centering on prayer for "Care for Our Common Home" and a call to Congress to hear the Pope's urgency to protect Creation and the poor, will begin at 7:45 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. Participants are invited to join either or both portions of the evening.

Merchants of Doubt tells the story of talking-heads for hire in the political and media realm who present themselves as scientific authorities with the aim of confusing public dialogue on climate change and public health. A short moment for questions and discussion will follow the screening.

Speakers and prayer leaders include Dr. Valerie Chapman, pastoral administrator at St. Francis; the Rev. Katherine Jesch, First Unitarian Church; and representatives from various faith traditions. Participants will be invited to take action opposing fossil fuel transport and infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest and to support the UN's Green Climate Fund.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's (EMO) Oregon Interfaith Power and Light project engages the faith community to strive for accountability in our individual and collective energy decisions in an interdependent world. EMO is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

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