



Catholic Impact Investing Pledge

I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. – Pope Francis, Laudato Si

The **Catholic Impact Investing Collaborative** (aka CIIC - pronounced “seek”) is the global convener of a trusted impact investing community with a uniquely Catholic identity, where learnings lead to action in allocating capital for a more just, equitable and sustainable world. We build relationships, foster collaboration and peer learning, provide access to opportunities, and leave room for the Holy Spirit to guide our work. CIIC was established in November 2014 as an informal “neutral space” for people to come together, share a meal and stories, and build relationships based on their spiritual as well as financial commitment to Impact Investing. CIIC was started in the U.S. Midwest, soon grew to the Northeast and other areas in the U.S., and is now expanding globally.

The **Catholic Impact Investing Pledge** is an effort to galvanize the Catholic investment community to commit to taking meaningful and accountable steps to incorporate impact investment into their portfolio in alignment with Catholic Social Teachings and the urgency for action around environmental and social justice issues. This Pledge is comprised of two sections, principles and commitments, which are featured on the next page. The **Pledge Principles** outline why CIIC believes impact investment is an important element of Catholic investor’s portfolio. The **Pledge Commitments** are the explicit next-steps that any signatory is agreeing to pursue.

Pledge Principles

We believe that as Catholic individuals and institutions we have a moral obligation to work toward a more just society. We believe that we must pursue that aim with urgency, given the increasing needs of the poor and vulnerable and the continuing degradation of our common home. This requires a rethinking of how we use the resources God has given us.

We believe that in order to increase our positive impacts in the world, our investments must move beyond negative screening and seek out opportunities across asset classes that provide financial returns while simultaneously creating measurable, positive social and environmental outcomes in service of people and planet.

Pledge Commitments

As faithful Catholics, we have an obligation to work on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, to promote human dignity, economic justice, and environmental stewardship. As such we believe that we must use all of the resources God has given us to pursue a more just and equitable world, both today and for future generations. We believe that impact investments can play a meaningful role in pursuing our goals.

We therefore commit to the following:

- We will **move beyond negative screening** and seek out opportunities across asset classes that provide financial returns while **creating measurable, positive social and environmental outcomes in service of people and planet.**
- We will establish meaningful allocation targets to **ensure impact investments are incorporated into our investment portfolios.**
- We will **promote awareness of impact investing among our fellow Catholics.**
- We will work with one another and relevant partners to **improve the effectiveness of impact investing.**
- We will **share our progress making impact investments**, and we will **measure and communicate the impacts** that are created.

By signing this pledge, I/We agree to the above principles & commitments and to have our name and logo shared publicly as a signatory (unless otherwise noted).

Organization: _____

Contact Name & Email: _____

Signature: _____

