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NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Climate Change Briefing and Bike Safety Training Event
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Climate Change and Bike Safety Training Event

A Climate Change Briefing and Bike Safety Training is scheduled for tomorrow Thursday, April 18th, 2019 from 9:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at the campus of the University of Notre Dame in conjunction with the annual “Joy of Saint Joe Community Service Day.” This training event is a direct outcome of recent joint Common Council Committee meetings on the topic of climate change, local impact, and climate action responses. Councilmember Jo M. Broden (4th District) has convened the presenting speakers and partners from the University of Notre Dame, St. Joseph High School, Michiana Council of Area Governments (MACOG), Bike Michiana Coalition, South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (Transpo), Earth Charter Indiana, St. Joseph County Health Department, and local Youth Climate Champions (organized by founder, Julia McKenna). The event is calendared in advance of the South Bend Common Council’s expected legislative action on a resolution concerning climate change on Monday, April 22 at 7pm on the 4th floor of the County-City Building. The Council’s action coincides with Earth Day.

1. 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The Duncan Center-Rm. 106, UND

a. *Bike Safety & Alternative Transportation Options*

Alaina Parrish
Active Transportation Planner,
Michiana Council of Area Governments

Amy E. Hill, MPA, General Manager & CEO
and Catey Traylor, Director of Marketing,
South Bend Public Transportation Corp.

b. *3rd Grader Curriculum Overview: Bike Safety*

Alaina Parrish
and Jo M. Broden
South Bend Common Council Member 4th
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2. 10:50 a.m. -12:05 a.m.

a. *Let There Be Light*

The Jordan Hall Digital Visualization Theater, UND
Philip J. Sakimoto Ph.D.
Director, Program for Academic Excellence
First Year of Studies Instructor, Sustainability Minor

A 10-minute planetarium program that ND Theologian Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo and Professor Sakimoto Developed at the request of the Vatican to serve as the opening segment of the Holy See's exhibition energy for the common good: "Caring for our Common Home" at the 2017 international expo Astana, Kazakhstan. This will introduce students to the idea that energy from the sun is a gift from God to be shared and used wisely

b. *Caring for Creation: Climate Change and our Responsibilities*

A review of the science of climate change in the context of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*: *Care for our Common Home*.

c. *Climate Change and You*

Tai Verbrugge, Senior
Accounting Major and Sustainability Minor, University of Notre Dame

d. *3rd Grader Curriculum Overview: Climate Change/Climate Action*

Jim Poyser, Executive Director, Earth Charter Indiana

e. *Roll Play (as time permits) Q & A and Feedback*

Dismissal at 1:15pm

A slide package will be shared with each high school student that can later be used in their team-teaching at area elementary schools. Covered topics will be the causes of climate change (both the science and the societal choices that are driving it), the impacts on our planet, and specifically the South Bend community, and what they can do as kids to help combat climate change.

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