

Episode 8 – Trócaire, Fr McDonagh, and Climate – Listen Along Guide

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1. What was the name of the Papal Encyclical to which Fr McDonagh contributed? (0:45)

2. How many Roman Catholics are there in the World? What percentage of those are in Latin America? _____ Catholics, _____ % in Latin America
3. How did Fr McDonagh end up in the Philippines? (4:10) _____

4. What changes did he see in the rainforests? (5:00) _____

5. What did Fr McDonagh discover when he looked back at Catholic social teaching?

6. Describe Fr McDonagh's work with the T'Boli people. What realization did he make?

7. What is unusual about the Pope's Encyclical in terms of its 'target audience'?

8. What percentage of climate change is due to transport? (7:00) _____
9. What policy change was made by the Swedish car maker (Volvo) from 2019 onwards?

10. What does Emmet Sheerin mean by 'Fossil Fuel Divestment'? (9:00) _____

11. What is the Key focus of Trócaire (in terms of the Irish Government)? What progress has been made? _____

12. How does Fr McDonagh explain Ireland's climate change record? What about the Irish Dinner? (11:05) _____

13. What reaction would Fr McDonagh have had from Trócaire if he had asked them for funding for afforestation in the 1980s? (11:55) _____

14. What role do NGOs have in this process? _____

15. According to Sorcha Fennel, how (and why) did Trócaire's position on climate change develop? What were the key moments?

16. How are **droughts** and irregular rain pattern affecting the work of farmers in Central and Latin America? (14:30) _____

17. What types of irrigation projects did they introduce to respond to drought? (15:10)

18. How do Irish lifestyles impact on people in other countries? _____

19. Trócaire sees climate change as a '**Justice Issue**' – What specific problems do we face according to Fr McDonagh? (18:30) _____

20. What is happening in **East Africa** that is causing great concern to Trócaire? (19:40) _____

21. What does Stephen Farley suggest it at the heart of what Fr McDonagh and Trócaire are saying? (21:00) _____

22. According to Fr McDonagh what impact is climate change having on other species with whom we share the earth? (21:20) _____

23. According to Colm Hogan, how is Christian Creation **Theology** evolving? (22:40) _____

24. What role does education have in the process of changing our awareness of the human impacts on climate change? (24:50) _____

25. From the "head to the heart" – how does Trócaire hope to bring about positive change on a national level? _____

26. What does Fr McDonagh think we need to do to face the climate challenge? (26:50)

27. What role will **technology** play in this process? _____

28. How does Emmet explain the importance of leaving fossil fuel reserves underground? (27:45)

29. What **two** things does Sorcha think are needed to address climate change? (28:40)

- a. _____
- b. _____

30. How do Stephen and Emmet explain the idea of “**political will**”? (30:05) _____

31. What factors will bring about a change in that “political will”? (30:45) _____

32. What did Trócaire do during the last General Election campaign? (31:25) _____

33. What Three pieces of advice does Emmet have for young Irish people?

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

34. What Two words does Jerome identify that people use to describe the impact humans are having on the planet?

- a. A _____
- b. C _____

Revision Question:

Using the ideas of Fr McDonagh assess what contribution his ideas can have towards the following issue from the subject specification:

“Development in harmony with nature requires a move away from big industries and urbanisation and towards small scale, self-reliant communities using renewable resources.”