



Catholic Concern for Animals-USA
Formerly: Catholic Study Circle for Animal Welfare
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Re: Introducing Catholic Concern for Animals-USA

Dear Pastor,

Catholic Concern for Animals (CCA), based in England, has been serving the Catholic population around the world since it began as a study circle 75 years ago. It has started a USA branch this year, based in Wayne, NJ, with a small committee in various States across the country. With years of research, prayer and teaching behind it, this organization can be a valuable resource for our USA Catholic community, as well as being a Christian presence in a largely secular field.

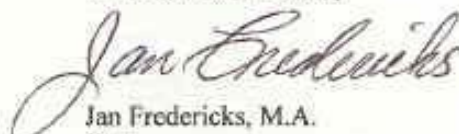
As God's children, made in His image, we believe that by promoting the protection of His creatures from cruelty and stress, we are reflecting our Father's compassion on all that He has made (Ps 145:9). Numerous studies indicate an indisputable link between violence to animals and to people, especially the most vulnerable, so we believe that by living more in harmony with the values of God's peaceable kingdom, we can help people to grow spiritually and emotionally. Fully supportive of the Church's pro-life teachings, we aspire to extend their reach to include all sentient life. Others may limit love, but we Christians, in the manner of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Philip Neri (Catechism n.2416), wish to imitate the boundless love and compassion of God. We hope that bishops and pastors will support our mission with their approval and promotion in their dioceses and parishes across the country.

Deborah Jones, CCA's General Secretary (a former member of the Committee for Theology of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales), is happy to answer any questions you may have (email: deborahjark@aol.com). CCA publishes a journal, *The Ark*, three times a year and we have a USA introductory leaflet (available upon request). Please peruse our website for more information and to view a visual animal theology presentation that uses teachings based on Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You may also want to contact our episcopal President, Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, Bishop of Nottingham (England) at 0044-115-947-4786 for more information.

We would be honored if you would accept the role of Patron for CCA-USA. All that is involved is a written statement from you in which you support and bless our work, and allow us to print your name on our publications. Maybe you could delegate a clerical representative through whom we could liaise from time to time. As Catholics are becoming more aware of CCA, they are excited about this ministry that is available for their spiritual and emotional benefit. Our membership is increasing rapidly and your Parishioners may be encouraged to know that you support CCA.

More leaflets are available for distribution in your Parish. Please let me know how many you would find useful and I will mail them out. We look forward to hearing from you.

In the love of the Lord,


Jan Fredericks, M.A.
Chairman

President: Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, Bishop of Nottingham.

Patrons: Rt Rev John A Baker; Rev John Buckley SPS, Mgr Michael Buckley, Canon SA Condon, Mgr Canon Jeffrey Scott, Rev James Thompson; Mrs Jackie Lawrence MP; Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe MP.

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