



CBCI Office for
Environment and
Climate Change



Online

CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR

Eco Ambassadors

September – November 2025

COURSE BROCHURE



ABOUT THE COURSE

The Certificate Course for Eco Ambassadors puts into **perspective** the spiritual, theoretical and practical dimensions of the ecological crisis. The goal is to create ambassadors of transformative change who will take forward the **ecological mission of the Church** in India.

Organised by the Archdiocesan Office for Environment (AOE) of the Archdiocese of Bombay since 2019, the 2025 batch will be conducted in collaboration with the Office for Environment and Climate Change of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI).

Over 100 Eco Ambassadors from six dioceses in the country have received certificates across all batches.

Who Should Join

- All involved or interested in the creation care ministry at various levels (dioceses, parishes, congregations and communities, etc.)
- Those in seminary / religious formation
- Anyone interested in a Catholic perspective on the ecological crisis and stewardship

Course Requirements

Participants shall attend all six online sessions of the course, complete one assignment and implement one project (at parish/community-level) in order to receive an **E-Certificate** jointly issued by the AOE and the CBCI Office for Environment and Climate Change.

COURSE SCHEDULE & OUTLINE

Six online sessions will be conducted in English on Saturdays from 3.30PM to 5.30PM in September and 3.30PM to 6.30PM in October 2025 as per the outlined schedule (familiarity with Zoom is expected; kindly join from a laptop / desktop).

Sep 3	Last date to complete payment of course fees and register
Sep 6	Orientation & Session 1: Eco Crisis Major environmental problems – human roots – cry of the earth – cry of the poor
Sep 13	Session 2: Response of the Church Recent Church teachings with emphasis on <i>Laudato Si'</i> and Asian documents
Sep 14	Participants begin work on Assignment & Project Plan
Sep 20	Session 3: Eco Justice Exploring the techno-economic-political nexus – development – gender and ecology – sustainable lifestyles
Sep 27	Session 4: Eco Spirituality Reinterpreting our understanding of God, nature and the human person in light of Scripture and contemporary insights
Oct 11	Session 5: Participatory Action-I Role and efforts of the global Church – parish groups for ecology
Oct 15	Last date for submission of Assignment and Project Plan; Project Work begins
Oct 18	Session 6: Participatory Action-II Global efforts – role of civil society – mobilising communities
Nov 30	Last date for submission of Project Report
TBD	Valedictory Session & Way Forward

REGISTRATION AND COURSE FEES

Participants will pay course fees of ₹ 1000/- (₹ ONE THOUSAND only; **non-refundable**) through NEFT to the bank account mentioned below, and include the payment details in the registration form.

Please REGISTER ONLINE through the [form linked here](#).
Registration closes on 3rd September 2025.

Bank Details for NEFT (from Indian account ONLY)

Account Name: CENTRE FOR PEACE TRUST

Account Number: 2090302000000222

IFSC Code: CCBL0209030

Bank: Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Branch: Goregaon East

QR code:



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CORE TEAM

- **Bishop Allwyn D'Silva** Spiritual Lead and Chairperson – CBCI Office for Environment and Climate Change
- **Fr Luke Rodrigues SJ** Head – Archdiocesan Office for Environment, Mumbai
- **Ms Shawna Nemesia Rebello** Course Coordinator and Integral Ecology Consultant

Resource Persons

Along with the core team and guest inputs from practitioners of integral ecology, confirmed resource persons include:

- **Fr Joseph Gonsalves** Executive Secretary – FABC Office of Human Development / Climate Change Desk
- **Fr Joshua D'Souza** Secretary – Justice and Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Bombay
- **Fr Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam SDB** Chair of Philosophy of Science – Salesian Pontifical University
- **Sr Jyotisha Kannamkal SND** UISG-Global Forum of Sisters Advocating for Environment
- **Dr Jean D'Cunha** Senior Global Advisor on migration and decent work, UNWomen (retd)

Administrative Team

- **Ms Juliet Maben** (Payment Confirmation)
- **Ms Rosebell Amanna** (Fee Receipts)
- **Br Jubin Thomas** (Pastoral Ministry – AOE)
- **Sr Shimi Varghese DHM** (Executive Secretary – CBCI Office for Environment and Climate Change)
- **Sr Joeyanna D'Souza FSP** (Secretary – AOE)

FEEDBACK FROM ECO AMBASSADORS

The course content was comprehensive and informative, every lesson has reinforced the importance of being responsible, conscious, and active citizens – **Sophia**, 2024 batch

Guest lecturers did provide diverse perspectives, shared practical experiences, unique insights to enrich learning experience – **Jill**, 2023 batch

The course gave not only an overview of the current socio-environmental crises but also a deep dive on how we as Catholics should love and have respect for the creation and practice sustainable living to undo the damage to the earth – **Reynold**, 2022 batch

It was to the point, clear to understand, and delivered the right message – **Leander**, 2021 online batch

I realised where we are heading to if corrective action is not taken, and the action to be taken is RIGHT NOW. My parish did not have a green cell/team... I couldn't have found a better way to begin than my parish – **Jasmine** 2021 online batch

The course empowered with the knowledge of both – environment, sustainability and the intent of the Church – **Allan**, 2019 batch



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