

We had a really great day in London yesterday at the **Speak Up for the Love Of...** mass lobby on climate change! Over **10,000 people**, from many different organisations and walks of life, gathered in London to speak to their MPs about climate change and its devastating impact. CAFOD supporters were present from **every diocese** in England and Wales, including over 20 from our own.

We began the day with an inspiring **ecumenical service** at the Emmanuel Centre, where we heard from CAFOD's **Michel Monginda** about the impact of climate change in Niger, and from the **Archbishop of Salisbury Nicholas Holtam**, who said that climate change is a concern for all faiths and for all humanity and mentioned the eagerly-anticipated **encyclical from Pope Francis** ("Laudato si': on the care of our common home"). We then joined the lobby queue around Westminster. It was a really great day overall and we will have to keep the pressure on our politicians in the upcoming months to ensure a good outcome at the upcoming UN conference in Paris in December. A lot is planned for the months ahead – in particular, CAFOD has now joined the **Global Catholic Climate Movement** and we will be promoting a short petition letter to David Cameron and world leaders, to be delivered at the end of November ahead of the climate summit.

