

Florida Catholic Conference
Special Climate Change Hearing

Speakers

Dr. Ricardo Alvarez

Dr. Alvarez is an internationally recognized expert, consultant, researcher and educator in the fields of *Vulnerability Assessment, Hazard Mitigation and Risk Management*. Over the past fifteen years Mr. Alvarez has directed or participated in more than 1,200 vulnerability or mitigation-related projects in the United States, mainly in Florida, and abroad. Dr. Alvarez is currently an adjunct professor at both Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University specializing in risk management, architecture and environmental design.

Dr. Bill Chameides

Dr. Chameides holds a Ph.D. from Yale University and left Georgia Institute of Technology as the Regents Professor and Smithgall Chair to become the Chief Scientist at Environmental Defense. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, a recipient of the American Geophysical Union's Macelwane Award, and, "in recognition of extraordinary service," was named a National Associate of the National Academies.

Ms. Susan Glickman

Ms. Glickman currently works in Florida with the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy that promotes responsible energy choices that solve global warming problems and ensure clean, safe and healthy communities throughout the Southeast. She worked previously as a consultant to Tampa Electric Company and the Florida Solar Energy Center marketing renewable energy programs.

Mr. Walt Grazer

Walter E. Grazer is Director of the Environmental Justice Program and Senior Policy Advisor for Religious Liberty, Human Rights and European Affairs for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). He edited, with Fr. Drew Christiansen, S.J., *And God Saw That It Was Good: Catholic Theology and the Environment* published by the USCCB.

Ms. Liza McFadden

Ms. McFadden serves as president of the Volunteer Florida Foundation – a foundation aimed at strengthening Florida families through volunteerism and community service. In

the past three years the Foundation has allocated over \$40 million to local community and faith-based groups to assist Floridians rebuild their homes and their lives in the wake of hurricanes, and to support literacy, mentoring, and volunteer programs.

Mr. Gary Landry

Mr. Landry is Vice President of the Florida Insurance Council, the state's largest insurance company trade association consisting of 250 member companies writing business in Florida. His responsibilities include assisting in the development and implementation of the Council's public affairs, government affairs and communications programs.

Dr. Joseph Iannone

Dr. Iannone is currently Associate Professor of Religious and Pastoral Studies at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida as well as the director of the Institute of Pastoral Ministries. Dr. Iannone is the founding Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at St. Thomas University and founding and current board member of the University's Human Rights Institute. Dr. Iannone is also a member of the Florida Catholic Conference's Committee on Environment and a former member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Committee.