

ZERO WASTE

**A guide on reducing plastic consumption
from The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care**



By the end of 2021 the federal government will ban disposable plastics, including those frequently used in church kitchens: plastic stir sticks, cutlery, food containers and bags. Here are some suggestions for how churches can avoid these and other single-use products:

Kitchen

- Use ceramic mugs, plates, glasses, and metal cutlery
 - For takeaway meals, use cardboard plates, cups, and bamboo cutlery
- Encourage parishioners to bring reusable bottles
- Purchase products with less plastic packaging
- Use reusable/cloth bags instead of plastic ones
- Use reusable table cloths for community events
- Use glass or metal containers for leftovers instead of plastic containers or ziplock bags

Cleaning

- Look for natural fiber cleaning cloths and sponges
- Ensure composting and recycling bins are made available around the church. Post signage to assist with proper waste disposal.

Children's Ministry

- For crafts, avoid plastics, especially glitter. Instead, use natural materials and recycle fabric, yarn, paper, and cardboard scraps.
- Dispose of pens, markers, dry-erase markers, markers, and highlighters at Staples stores