

International Year of Planet Earth 2007-2009 International Year of Astronomy 2009	<p>Week 1: November 7 - 13</p> <p>Theme: Recycle - Buy Right</p> <p>9 – 15th National Recycling Week</p> <p>1. When shopping for food & household items, aim for less packaging. Select the choices with enough wrapping for safety but no excess. 2. Buy products with packaging that can be recycled in your area. By knowing the cans, boxes and jars that are recycled locally, you can choose products which generate the least waste. http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/recycling-info/buy-recycled.cfm</p> <p><i>Make a prayer of reading the labels and markings on goods or gifts you consider while shopping.</i></p>	<h2>November</h2> <p><u>How Would Jesus Shop in 2009?</u></p> <p><i>Jesus led the simple creative life of a worker/ carpenter before preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom. He consumed frugally. He told stories that valued the cycle of nature and the responsible use of land and its gifts.</i> Jesus would be an eco-consumer in 2009.</p> <p><i>This effort would be encouraged: Recycling old mobile phones in May 2009 by thousands of Australians have led to the planting of over 25,000 native trees in Australia, which protect hundreds of koala habitats, as a result of MobileMuster and Landcare Australia's Old Phones, More Trees campaign.</i></p>	<p>Week 2: November 14 - 20</p> <p>Theme: Buy Recycled</p> <p>14 -15th National Recycling Week ends</p> <p>Buy products that have recycled content in their construction or in the packaging. Manufacturers deserve gratitude for designs which include recycling and natural products. Recycled toilet rolls are used office paper and aluminum cans are recycled many times over. These choices create a greater demand and encourage a healthy recycling industry. http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/recycling-info/buy-recycled.cfm</p> <p><i>Action: Take your own carrier or bags to the shops, market or anywhere you might purchase goods.</i></p>	2003-2012 United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All International Year of Reconciliation 2009
	<p>Week 3: November 21 - 27</p> <p>Theme: <u>Buy Natural Fibres</u></p> <p>21- 22nd Skin Cancer Action Week ends</p> <p>The slogan “Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide” to be Sun-smart at the start of the summer season gives us incentives to consider fibre plants and their products. The protective clothing, hats and artificial shades that we use in the sun are best when made from natural fibres. They are healthy, responsible, sustainable and the fashionable choice for the good of the planet and its people, http://www.naturalfibres2009.org/en/tynf/index.html</p> <p><i>The energy of the sun enables growth in all living things. Thank God for the shady trees.</i></p>	<p>Simple Questions for Consumers</p> <p>Do I need it? How many do I already have? How much will I use it? How long will it last? Could I borrow it from a friend or family member? Am I able to clean and/or maintain it myself? Will I be able to repair it? Am I willing to? Have I researched it to get the best quality for the best price? How will I dispose of it when I'm done using it? Are the resources that went into it renewable or nonrenewable? Is it made from recycled materials, and is it recyclable? http://www.buynothingday.co.uk/</p>	<p>Week 4: November 27 – December 4</p> <p>Theme: <u>Participate in life, not shopping</u></p> <p>27/28th Buy Nothing Day, Advent begins http://www.buynothingday.co.uk/</p> <p>Buy Nothing Day can be for one day - or a lasting change in consumer conscience. People can make commitments to consuming less, recycling more and challenging companies to clean up & be fair. The supermarket or shopping mall might offer great choice, but this shouldn't be a cost for the environment or poor, developing countries. <i>Give life to the planet and its people. Plan a Buy Nothing day this weekend. At other times during the year, make the choice not to shop unnecessarily.</i></p>	
2005-2014 U N Decade of Education for Sustainable Development; <u>International Year of Natural Fibres 2009</u> 2005-2015 Decade for Action “Water for Life”				

2001 – 2010 International Decade for a Culture of Peace & Non-Violence for Children of the World