

## Political, social and corporate leaders should join hands with spiritual leaders immediately to protect the mother earth.

## His Holiness Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji from Sri Puthige Matha, Udupi, Karnataka, India in Vatican Summit on climate change, on April 28 2015.

Vatican, April 28 2015: "With unending quest for materialistic life, our negligence on spirituality has pushed the earth into the edge of disaster through unimagined climate change, erratic global warming, etc. Forgetting the message of Upanishads that life is temporary and just a transit with rebirth, at the same time, assuming the life as permanent in the earth is the very root cause for the catastrophic consequences of climate change. If the root cause is rooted out, then we can resolve the problem and restore the earth. That is why leaders of all walks of life should join hands with spiritual leaders" said His Holiness Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji in the high level summit on protecting the Mother Earth in Vatican City.

Appreciating the initiatives of His Holiness Pope Francis for introspecting on this severe global problem, Sri Swamiji emphasized that all nations should strengthen the global government of United Nations.

The general secretary of United Nations, His Excellency Ban-Ki moon presented his opening remarks and steered the summit organized by Religions for Peace and Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The moral dimensions of climate change and sustainable development was the theme of the summit and a declaration was made by religious leaders, scientists, political leaders and business leaders from all over the world.

The dignitaries, who participated in the high level summit include Dr. William Vendle, Dr. David Rosen, and The Chief Rabbi of Jewish community, Ms. Kosho Niwano, Rev. Olaf Tveit, Din Samsuddin, and Metropolitan Emanuel

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His Holiness Sri Puthige Swamiji along with other religious leaders and dignitaries in the Vatican Summit on Climate Change. (From L to R: Dr. William Vendely, Dr. David Rosen, Rev Olaf Tveit, His Holiness Sri Sri Sugunendraa Theertha Swamiji, Metropolitan Emanuel and Din Samsuddin



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