



LAUDATO SI: ENGAGING POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL ON ECOLOGY

August 8, 2:00–4:30 p.m.
at Christ Cathedral



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

■ Welcome

- *Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange*
- First prayer from Encyclical (consider using)
- Theological presentation and reflection on Laudato Si
- The experience of the universe as mystery
- Call to work together as people
- *Sister Nadine McGuinness, CSJ, Ph.D., Systematic Theology, St Joseph Center, Orange*
- Science behind climate change
- Scientific consensus on climate change
- Sustainable development/call to action
- *Tony Strawa, PhD, Catholic Climate Ambassador. Dr. Strawa has spent 20 years as an Atmospheric Scientist with NASA and is currently the Chair of the Diocese of San Jose Climate Change Initiative.*
- Impact of climate change on the poor
- How people can live within a changed environment
- Economically advantaged countries must take leadership
- *Joan Rosenhauer, Catholic Relief Services, Executive Vice President, U.S. Operations*
- Panel Discussion
- *Sister Nadine McGuinness, CSJ, Ph.D., Systematic Theology, St Joseph Center, Orange*
- *Tony Strawa, PhD, Catholic Climate Ambassador*
- *Joan Rosenhauer, Catholic Relief Services, Executive Vice President, U.S.*
- *Maria Orroyo, CRS Relationship Manager, Diocese of Orange*
- Closing prayer
- *Greg Walgenbach, Director of Respect Life, Justice and Peace*
- Theological Reflection – Trinitarian Prayer from Encyclical



RESOURCES ON POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL

The Encyclical (Read online or Download):

LAUDATO SI': On Care for Our Common Home

w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Español – LAUDATO SI': Sobre el Cuidado de la Casa Común

w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis, Our Sunday Visitor, with discussion questions

www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1753

Additional Study Guides and Resources

on the Encyclical:

United States Conference Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si-on-environment.cfm

USCCB - Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home Discussion Guide

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/laudato-si-discussion-guide.pdf

Catholic Climate Covenant

www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/

Articles on the Encyclical:

"Top Ten Takeaways from Laudato Si',"

by Fr. James Martin, SJ

www.americamagazine.org/print/218517

"A Readers' Guide to Laudato Si',"

by Fr. Thomas Reese, SJ

ncrnews.org/documents/NCR%20Readers%20guide.pdf

"The pope's practical tips for helping the environment,"

by Carol Glatz

occatholic.com/the-popes-practical-tips-for-helping-the-environment/

"The Pope's Ecological Vow,"

Paul Vallely

www.nytimes.com/2015/06/29/opinion/the-popes-ecological-vow.html



10 WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Form a study or action group at church. We are all strengthened when we act together as a community. Considering forming a Creation Care Team, and visit CatholicClimateCovenant.org for more information.

Be energy efficient. During the summer months, close your curtains to block heat from the sun. During the winter, open your curtains during the day to allow the sun to warm your home. These simple steps can significantly reduce the need for air conditioning and heating, which are likely the most energy-intensive aspects of your home.

Calculate your carbon footprint.

Understanding which activities are carbon-intensive allows you to know where you can take action. The EPA has a free carbon footprint calculator you can use: <http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>

Adjust the thermostat. Turning down your air conditioning or heating when you leave the house will further shrink your carbon footprint. A change of just 5 degrees is a good start.

Adjust your driving routine. By combining multiple errands into one trip, you reduce the amount of fossil fuel you use.

Go meatless on Fridays. Livestock production accounts for 4% of Americans' greenhouse gas, according to the EPA. By going meatless one day per week, you'll both honor Catholic teaching and better care for Creation.

Recycle More. Recycling reduces your carbon footprint both because landfills emit greenhouse gases through decomposition, and because manufacturing from scratch is carbon-intensive. Find where and how to recycle almost anything in your area at search.earth911.com.

Use less water. Water processing accounts for approximately 3% of energy use in the United States, according to the EPA. Saving water means saving energy. Post a "please conserve water" sign at sinks and showers, install low-flow spigots, or select the "eco" setting on laundry machines and dishwashers.

Petition policy makers. Your elected officials have the power to take action on climate change. Write policy makers to tell them that you stand for the stewardship of creation.

Write to your local newspaper. Writing a letter to the editor has effects beyond your local community. Legislators assign their staffs to read letters to the editor as an important barometer of constituents' interests. For tip sheets and templates, contact Kissairis Muñoz, Catholic Climate Covenant's advocacy coordinator, at kissairis@catholicclimatecovenant.org ("10 Ways to Make a Difference" resource list comes from Catholic Climate Covenant).

FURTHER RESOURCES FOR PARISHES, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS

Caring for God's Creation: Resources for Liturgy, Preaching, and Taking Action – USCCB

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf>

Catholic Teaching & Practical Resources from Catholic Climate Covenant

http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic_teachings/resources

Earth as Our Home – Catholic Sisters for a Healthy Earth (includes bibliographies on books, films, etc.)

http://www.sinsinawa.org/peace_justice/earthsourhome.pdf

Interfaith Power & Light – Interfaith response to climate change through promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy

www.interfaithpowerandlight.org

Green Faith – Interfaith coalition dedicated to environmental leadership

www.greenfaith.org

Food & Water Watch – Advocates for common sense policies that will result in healthy, safe food and access to safe and affordable drinking water.

www.foodandwaterwatch.org

Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange – Resources on Ecological Justice

<http://csjorange.org/ecological-justice/>

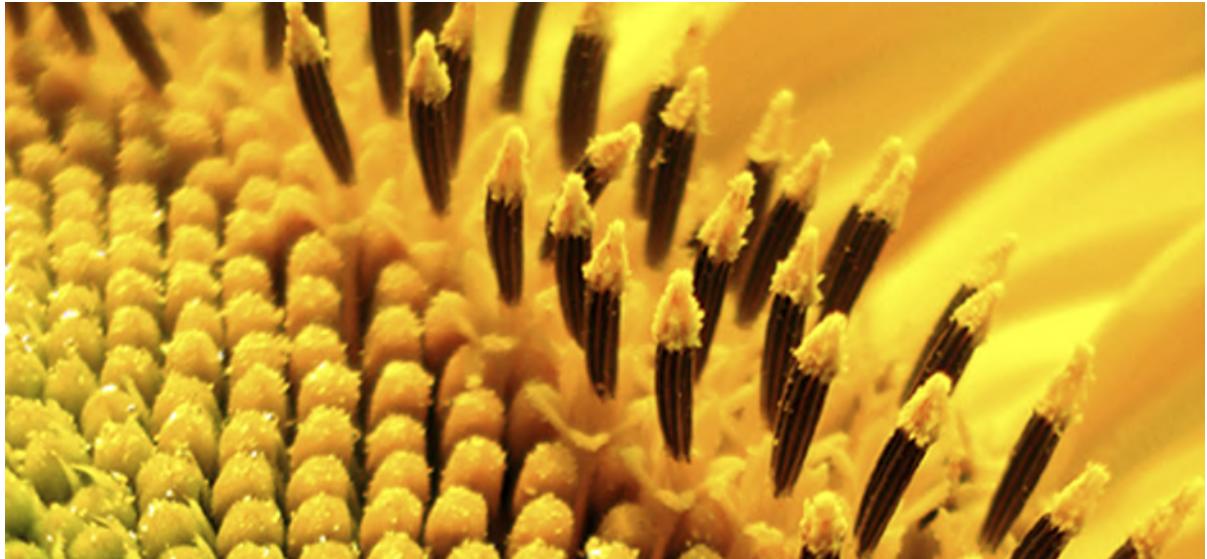
A prayer for our earth (from Laudato Si')

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

A Christian prayer in union with creation (from Laudato Si')

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!
Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,

and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!
Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!
Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.
God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.



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