

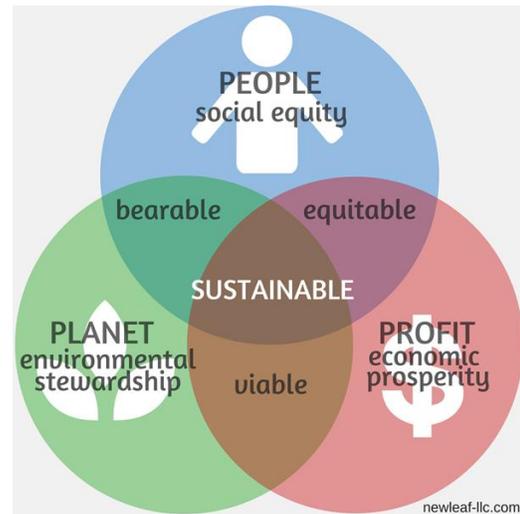
August 2018 PJIC Office Update – Caring For Our Common Home
In celebration of the third anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and in hope that upcoming events will inspire humanity to action on behalf of peoples and the planet.



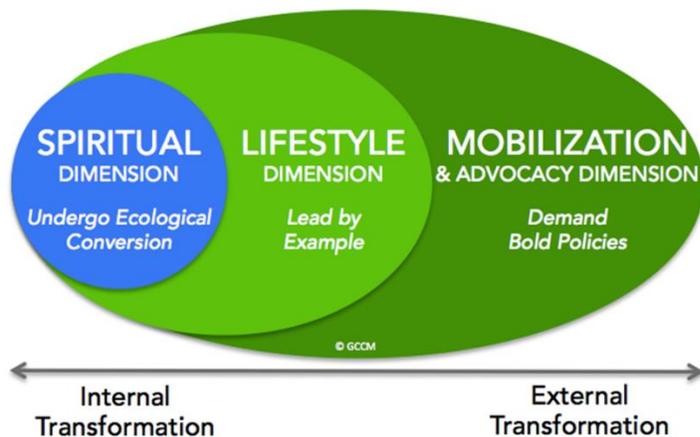
“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?” (LS, 160). Three years after the publication of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis’ encyclical letter on the care for our common home, the Pontiff’s prophetic words continue to ring in our ears!

The Charism of Charity and Sustainable Development - A Spiritual Dimension, Sr.

Teresa Kotturan’s address and power point presentation to the Sisters of Charity Federation Leadership at their June meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is a call to each of us to “encounter the now to become a prophetic presence and witness by looking at the world through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals and *Laudato Si'*.” Her challenge: connect Pope Francis’ call to hear and respond to the “cries of the Earth and the cries of the poor” to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs – 17 goals and 129 targets) based on human rights principles that aim to transform lives of all human beings, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, by providing dignity, equality and a healthy environment to fulfill their potential; protect the planet from degradation; a shared prosperity for all and to foster peaceful, inclusive societies. The implementation of the 2030 SDGs is “Charity in action”! *Laudato Si'* and the SDGs are a call, a challenge, a vision of the charism of Charity in this NOW time. Sr. Teresa Kotturan’s talk and power point presentation are an invitation to embody the charism of charity today. Sisters of Charity of New York and Associates may want to reflect on her talk and PPP in preparation for Assembly 2019. Electronic copies are available upon request.



S*aving Our Common Home and The Future of Life On Earth*, an international conference organized by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development was held July 5-6. It celebrated the third anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and communicated a sense of deep urgency and profound concern for the precarious state of our common planetary home. For recordings of the presentations of the conference, go to: <http://www.laudato-si-conference.com/>. For a one-hour summary "Report Back from the Laudato Si Conference" webinar organized by the Global Catholic Climate Movement, with speakers from the conference summarizing the key ideas, go to <https://youtu.be/Acs8reGNoQQ>



The Global Catholic Climate

Movement offers a profound model/framework (to the left) to listen and respond to “the cries of the Earth and the cries of the poor”. Recognizing the complex climate crisis and degradation of Earth, our Common Home, this three-dimensional model is a reminder that we and all life are interconnected and interdependent. The model raises questions we might want to explore: 1) What ways might we inspire and support each other as

we seek internal and external transformation of ourselves and our world (living the gospel, the kingdom of God)? 2) What does ecological conversion mean? 3) What would personal, group, congregation lifestyles look like as we undergo ecological conversion? 4) How might we honor ways we already live a simple sustainable lifestyle yet still respond to the call and challenge to lessen our carbon footprint even more? 5) What ways are we already mobilizing and advocating? How/where might we collaborate more, in our personal and communal lives?

Care of Creation – Be Aware and Attentive! PRAY! LISTEN! DISCERN! How are we called to RESPOND and ACT! Invite family, friends, colleagues, parishioners to act on behalf of our Common Home during Season of Creation!

1. **Care of Creation Day** (September 1) and **Season of Creation** (September 1 through October 4, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi); attend or plan a Season of Creation event, prayer, celebration (no matter how small). Resources are at www.seasonofcreation.org
2. **Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice March**, September 6 is date for march in New York City. San Francisco will host major USA march on September 8, the date for most events. Globally the mobilization is called “Rise for Climate,” where advocates plan to send a clear message to governments through actions in towns, institutions, cities to push forward real climate action.
3. **Global Climate Action Summit**, September 12-14, San Francisco, will bring leaders and people together from around the world to celebrate achievements of states, regions, cities, companies, investors and citizens with respect to climate action; also a launchpad for deeper worldwide commitments and accelerated action from countries – supported by all sectors of society – to put the globe on track to prevent dangerous climate change and realize the historic Paris Agreement.
4. **Care of Creation, Hearing Earth’s Cry and Responding With Hope Conference**, September 29 – An Invitation to People of Faith, especially Catholics of New York Archdiocese; sponsored by Metro New York Catholic Movement. Location: St. Francis Assisi, 135 W. 31st Street.

5. **Reduce Single Use Plastics! Choose one action!**

<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/nationalgreenweeksub/waste-reduction-tips/tips-to-use-less-plastic.html> Carol De Angelo, PJIC Director, cdeangelo@scny.org, 7.24.18