

Remember, Return, Rest, Restore, Rejoice



Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God's hope where his Word became flesh and lived among us Jn 1:14

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

WHAT IS ECOLOGICAL DEBT?

In different ways, developing countries, where the most important reserves of the biosphere are found, continue to fuel the development of richer countries at the cost of their own present and future. The land of the southern poor is rich and mostly unpolluted, yet access to ownership of goods and resources for meeting vital needs is inhibited by a system of commercial relations and ownership which is structurally perverse. The developed countries ought to help pay this debt by significantly limiting their consumption of non-renewable energy and by assisting poorer countries to support policies and programs of sustainable development. LAUDATO SI 52

In 2006, to address growing ecological awareness and the need to implement Catholic social teaching on ecology within the US Church, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) helped form Catholic Climate Covenant. Inspired by the USCCB's 2001 statement on climate change, and supported by 19 national partners, Catholic Climate Covenant helps US Catholics respond to the Church's call to care for creation and care for the poor. Their series of webinars call us to read the signs of our times & reflect on our place in the work of climate justice.

Season of Creation Webinar Series on the Common Good and Our Common Home

Faithful Recovery In A Time of Climate Change



Catholic Climate Covenant™
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Vincent for the Season of Creation



Interested in reflecting on your pilgrimage experience? Email cdeangelo@sny.org to join the conversation on October 4th at 11 AM on Zoom

Learn About Forming a Laudato Si Circle, Like Our Sisters in Kittay House or our Stanfordville Cosmological Spirituality Group



Prayer

Prayer with and for creation, for instance through praying outside or an ecological examen,



Reflection

Reflection on participants' ongoing process of ecological conversion, particularly as it relates to issues of simplicity and consumption, and



Action

Group action, such as local community engagement and activism, greening of local Catholic facilities, fossil fuel divestment, participation in Season of Creation, and more.

Catholics and climate change. This is a vast topic, and we are a small group involved with Spiritual Cosmology. In our virtual, "zoom", September 16th meeting, it was clear we all were sensitive to the reality of climate disruption and the need for change. How do we manage change?

Yesterday, Pope Francis was quoted in NCR that "nature is for man to use and not abuse." During our conversation, Pat Mara spoke about "touching" nature every day. Touch a tree trunk, bark and leaves, be aware of what nature gives us every day. Don Fegan and I both related to Pat's comments. For me, the message was "slow down."

I always seem to be in a hurry to get some place. Why? I think of the television ads for new cars and how these vehicles are speeding along beaches and sand dunes. Does this make a vehicle more affordable and attractive? I think not. The internet enables us to see what is going on in the world around us – fires, floods and drought. This same internet enables people to be in touch for marches, protests and parades. While laudable in purpose, does this contribute to a feeling that faster is always better?

A small group like ours is not going to stop global warming, so what kind of change can we bring? There are simple things like recycling. It is a modest objective but within each person's grasp to do something constructive. Beyond that there is the decision to get involved in organizations, political parties and social movements. It is important to keep in mind that these activities have for us a religious significance.

As people of faith, voting, campaigning, discussing and conversing have the potential to build a culture of love as Pope Francis calls us to in Laudato Si'. Our actions, attitudes and words reflect the values we believe. We play an important role in creating change and building a world that will be life giving for our children and future generations.



Join us for Mass for the Season of Creation and Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
October 4, 2020

Email Osmith@scny.org for details

Laudato Si Animators Training

This summer, I took part in Global Catholic Climate Movement's Laudato Si Animator Training. The Laudato Si Animator's training aims to create a network of local leaders committed to bringing Laudato Si to life. Every Wednesday morning animators-in-training from around the world met to discuss Laudato Si and our work to bring it to life in our communities. The Laudato Si Animators Training inspired hope and gave me tools to better live and teach Laudato Si. Clicking the box to the left will bring you to Global Catholic Climate Movement's registration page for the next series of Laudato Si Animator Trainings. – Owen Smith

Sign the Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement Pledge

Adopt practices that help us embrace ecological conversion

Take Sabbath time to experience the beauty of God's creation

Reduce your personal carbon footprint

Be in solidarity with those impacted by climate change

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