

In Celebration of Earth Day — Restore Our Common Home

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of Christian experience." Laudato Si' #217



Celebrate Earth Day with the Sisters of Charity of New York

You are invited to join with us to pray for Creation via Zoom on April 22nd at 12pm or 7pm. The theme of the service is *Restore Our Common Home*. [Click here to register for the 12pm session](#), which will run until approximately 12:30. [Click here to register for the 7pm session](#), which will end at approximately 8pm and allow for facilitated reflection on Creation and our integral relationship with it.

Visit [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) to access webinars, advocacy action alerts, and resources, including its Earth Day *Restore Our Common Home* Prayer. Recent webinars include *A Laudato Si' Focus on Environmental Justice*, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#). Its March 25th webinar, [Climate Change and Forced Migration](#), addresses Pope Francis' call to integral ecology, to see everything as connected. We are one family! Our actions do impact others, near and far.



Charity Rising Today

The Creations Transformative Committee connected the 2019 Charity Rising Assembly Theme with call of *Laudato Si'* to integral ecology and ecological conversion through short paragraphs included in FOCUS, the Sisters of Charity of New York's internal communication. During Advent 2020, Lent 2021 and Easter 2021 Liturgical Seasons, Sisters, Associates and Companions were encouraged to read and reflect on how Charity Rising in the 21st Century connects with *Laudato Si'*, passages from our newly revised Constitution, and our use of water.

Sr. Margaret Dennehy, a librarian and member of the Creation's Transformative Energy Committee, shared link to a reading of [We Are Water Protectors](#), a new children's book by Carole Lindstrom., which is recommended for educators, children, and parents alike. Consider *Theology and Ecology in Dialogue: The Wisdom of Laudato Si* by Dermot A. Lane as a resource for individual and community prayer and reflection.

WATER WATCH

Be aware of the quality of water in your area and region. Act for safe clean drinking water locally, nationally, and globally. Conserve water. The presence of PFAS in many Rockland residents' water is alarming and is a reminder of the growing problem of PFAS in drinking water around the country. Learn more from River Keeper about this issue by [clicking here to read an article](#) or [here to watch a webinar](#). As we raise our awareness, we are called to action – [Click here to sign a petition asking Governor Cuomo to take swift action to protect drinking water!](#)

Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement



We are called to be people of faith who seek to raise a collective moral and faith voice on behalf of the cries of the Earth, her peoples, and all communities of life. Pope Francis calls us to civic and political LOVE. Laudato Si' #231

An Introductory Overview to Climate Crisis Policy (CCP) & the Adopt-A-District Program –

The Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement March 20th webinar offered an overview of Catholic Social Principles, the 2021 Climate Bill Package, [Climate Crisis Policy's Adopt-A-District Program](#) and helpful lobbying tips. A recording of this webinar will be available soon. MNY CCM invites Catholics and all people of faith to be aware of 2021 Climate Bill Package and to bring at least some, if not all bills, to the attention of their U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative. Urge them to sponsor and support. Email MNYCCM@gmail.com for more information.

[Click to Read More About the 2021 Climate Bill Package](#)
[Sign Up to Adopt-A- District: As Leader or As Part of a Group](#)

Cosmological Spirituality Group meets monthly on zoom. This year we have been reflecting on Fratelli Tutti. Past years the group delved into Laudato Si' and our role as Christians in this 13. 8 billion year evolving Universe. [Global Catholic Climate Movement \(GCCM\) website](#) offers valuable resources. [Click here to sign up for Laudato Si Week \(May 16–24\) virtual events.](#)



AS WE PONDER OUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE, WE INVITE YOU TO PRAYER

[CLICK HERE TO PRAY THE ECOLOGICAL EXAMEN](#)
