



Laudato Si' Week NewsNotes May 2022

Greetings Friend!

Today is the start of Laudato Si Week marking the 7th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' challenging encyclical Laudato Si on May 25th, 2015.

As a Congregation committed to working on achieving Laudato Si Action Platform goals, we should be aware of the many activities available this week to enhance our understanding of the encyclical and the efforts within the wider church to save our planet. Each of us could benefit from taking some action to re-engage our imaginations around both the beauty and fragility of our planet. Even better to do something, even something very small to add to its vitality and resilience.

Here in our new home, with no time to prepare planting beds in our small yard, we will be planting and herb garden to sit on the windowsills of our breezeway and starting a small collection of vegetable plants in containers.

Internationally

There will be a Peace Pilgrimage by religious leaders to Ukraine. **Sr. Shelia Kinsey**, who introduced us a year ago to the Laudato Si Action Platform, will be among those traveling to Kyiv at the request of the city's mayor. They hope "to create space and humanizing energy to enhance protection of civilians, reduce violence and accelerate an end to the war." They intend to be in service and solidarity with those suffering; will participate in prayer and accompaniment and hope to initiate a wave of such visits to help create a

space and energy for a just peace. Prayers for the success of their mission are requested.

You can find a summary of church wide events at Laudatosiweek.org. This year, the week long celebration will focus on one of the seven Laudato Si Goals each day.

27 May -- Sneak Peek at **Laudato Si' Film** - The Laudato Si Movement invites to the footage from a new feature-length documentary film on Laudato Si', This event will take place during [Laudato Si' Week](#) and coincides with the theme of ecological education. "We are thrilled to share in this first look at a film that brings Pope Francis's vision of integral ecology to life,". "Sharing the messages of courage, hope, and unity is exactly what the world needs right now.". The event begins at 14.00 (Rome Time). Registration is required at [link](#).

In the UK

On-going initiatives in England and Wales include [CAFOD's Livesimply Award](#) and the '[Guardians of Creation' project](#) which has released guidelines to help Catholic dioceses measure a baseline carbon footprint in an effort to achieve 'net zero'.

You can visit [the Laudato Si website page of the Diocese of Nottingham](#) for some simple ideas on how to spend a few moments this week.

In the US

Visit www.godsplanet.us to see and be part of the U.S. Catholic efforts to engage with the Laudato Si Action Platform.

Peace and all good,

Frank

Frank McCann
Peace through Justice Facilitator
Congregation's NGO Representative to the UN



A Christian prayer in union with creation

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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