

## Celebrating and Living *Laudato Si'*: Second Anniversary Resources



As *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* turns two, Pope Francis' vision of integral ecology proves itself more relevant, increasingly urgent, and just as inspiring now as in June 2015. In these two years, how has *Laudato Si'* inspired you and deepened your life in Christ in your care for our common home and for the poor? Consider sharing that inspiration among family, parish, at work.

**Laudato Si' ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS:** Catholic Climate Covenant has produced video reflections from Catholics on how *Laudato Si'* inspires them to care for creation and the poor. The following reflections are on our DSAO *Laudato Si'* webpage at [www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/lis](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/lis):

- **Fr. Hyacinth**, St. Dominic's Church (Wash., DC) shares how his ministry is enlivened by *Laudato Si'*.
- **Carolyn Thele**, Staff Assistant at Catholic Climate Covenant, shares how God inspired her through *Laudato Si'* to pursue her life's work.

On this anniversary, let us also be sure to celebrate together our own diocesan stories of people, parishes and schools making *Laudato Si'* a reality! Below are timely resources to celebrate *Laudato Si'*.

**Laudato Si' ANNIVERSARY RESOURCES:** (For the coming months thru Summer/Fall 2017. These are linked on our DSAO website at [www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/lis-pray-act-advocate](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/lis-pray-act-advocate))

### 1) PRAY:

- A [novena](#) leading to *Laudato Si'*'s June 18 anniversary (from Mercy World International)
- An anniversary [prayer](#) and video "[Everything is Connected](#)" (from Catholic Health Assn.)

### 2) ACT:

- **For World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept. 1)**, Catholic Climate Covenant and Global Catholic Climate Movement offer [resources for parishes, schools and individuals](#) to pray in care of God's creation on or around Sept. 1 in unison with the global Church.
- **Feast of St. Francis "Blessing liturgy" resource and parish/school session guide – "Befriend the Wolf"**: For the Feast of St. Francis in October, Catholic Climate Covenant offers a **Blessing of the Animals liturgy** and a **90-minute educational program** for parishes, schools, or faith-sharing groups. Register at [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF) to receive these materials and download the program when it is available in mid-August.

### 4) ADVOCATE:

- **U.S. Catholic Bishops Respond to U.S. Leaving Climate Agreement:** The U.S. Bishops responded with disappointment to the administration's decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement. Bishop Oscar Cantú, chairperson of USCCB's Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a [statement](#) ([www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-092.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-092.cfm)) reminding that the USCCB, with Pope Francis and the entire Catholic Church, have consistently upheld the Paris agreement as a key mechanism for global climate change stewardship and mitigation. **ACTION:** Send the administration a message of your concern for this decision and pledge to take action on climate justice. Go to our DSAO site [www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/lis-pray-act-advocate](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/lis-pray-act-advocate) under "Advocate" to use Catholic Climate Covenant's online advocacy response.

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