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### **Laudato Si' Week - May 16-24, 2020**

#### **Talking Points**

2020 occasions the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si', which was signed on May 24, 2015.

Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home, Laudato Si', is an inspiration during moments of difficulty. It encourages us to reflect on the values we share and create a more just and sustainable future.

The theme of Laudato Si' Week is "everything is connected." During Laudato Si' Week, we come together as one people around the world to prayerfully discern the lessons of this moment. While the world experiences a history-defining crisis, we reflect and prepare to build a better world.

Laudato Si' has been welcomed as a document of deep and abiding beauty, and it has prompted people around the world to reflect more deeply on Creator and creation. Its vision of integral ecology, which sees connections between how we treat God, nature, and each other, offers simple but profound truths about the bonds that unite us.

#### **Prayer**

In a sign of unity, on May 24, 2020, at 12:00 PM local time, we are asked to pray a common prayer for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si'. The prayer can be found on the Laudato Si' Week webpage. It is available in several languages. The prayer can also be used at other times.

#### **Resources**

New and updated bilingual resources at usccb.org/environment can also help you observe the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. They include:

- Liturgy and Preaching resource (Eng) (SPA)
- Laudato Si' postcard in jpg, png, and social media sharing formats. Visit usccb.org/environment

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's website also hosts Laudato Si' resources including a parish tool kit, discussion guide, and suggested reading and videos.