



Season of Creation – NEXT STEPS to Protect Our Common Home

“Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.” Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin, A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation made on September 1, 2021, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation



Pope Francis:

On the final day of the Season of Creation and Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th, Pope Francis will convene scientists and leaders of the world’s religions at the Vatican to draft a statement urging significant climate protection action from global leaders at the UN COP26 climate summit in November. Pope Francis will also travel to Glasgow, Scotland, during COP26 to urge world leaders to take urgent action.

The Global Catholic Church:

On November 14th, the Vatican is set to fully launch the **Laudato Si’ Action Platform**, a global initiative to place Catholic institutions large and small—including families, parishes and dioceses, schools, businesses and farms, religious congregations, and health care facilities—on a seven-year path to sustainability. The platform urges participants to create and implement action plans that address eight specific goals for better caring for our common home. See the platform website www.laudatosiactionplatform.org for more information.

Our Family of Parishes—St. Andrew, St. Irenaeus, and St. Mary of the Hills:

A **Laudato Si’ Team** is being formed to help our Family of Parishes take action to better care for our common home, including learning more about and working on the Laudato Si’ Action Platform together and more. Team members representing all three of our parishes are needed. Those interested in joining or finding out more are invited to contact Sister Grace Keane (gracek@smoth.org). Meeting days and times will be set to accommodate the needs of team members.



A **Zoom conversation on the recent bulletin insert: Michigan Catholic Conference FOCUS: Care for Our Common Home—Reflecting on Laudato Si’** will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 7pm via Zoom.

Join us on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82739562192?pwd=Y3dqWkKjQ0ITWU9DS1JZYnZQWkt4QT09>

Find the document here: <https://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/focus/2020/on-care-for-our-common-home-reflecting-on-laudato-si.pdf>

Season of Creation – Family of Parishes Survey

The Laudato Si’ Family of Parishes Team is interested in your response to the Season of Creation, recently celebrated in our parishes from September 1st (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) through October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for helping us by completing this short online survey by October 24! Access the survey here: <https://www.stirenaeus.org/season-of-creation-survey/>