



Pope Francis, in his beautiful encyclical “Laudato Si,” “On Care for Our Common Home,” calls the faithful to care for our common home. This section of the faith formation portion of the parish web page aims to promote the teachings, values and vision expressed in Laudato Si. It seeks to further awareness of Catholic teaching on our responsibility to care for our environment, point out opportunities to be better stewards of God’s Creation, share ways to live more sustainably, and to publish initiatives to care for the environment

Caring for our Earth is a requirement of our faith. Through the practice of our faith we become stewards of creation. In doing so, we are compelled to live and act in ways that protect the well-being of the planet and its inhabitants, whether human or non-human. In caring for creation we show respect and love to the Creator. Our bond to creation calls us to be know and act on the practices that threaten the integrity of our planet.

“Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.” — Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, 91

Encyclical Letter Link to Encyclical	Care for Our Common Home Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSnXuCxiHXE&feature=youtu.be (Link to changing video)
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<p>Other Links</p> <p>What is Laudato Si Link to changing documents</p>		<p>Quotes from Laudato Si (link to changing document)</p>
<p>Why We Care for Creation Permanent Link to St. Mary's document</p>	<p>Laudato Si Topics</p> <p>Link to changing monthly presentations</p> <p>One World Water Air Plastics Energy etc</p>	
<p>Changing Link to other groups, pages or initiatives</p>	<p><i>The Canticle of the Sun</i>, written by St Francis of Assisi and used by Pope Francis, posted:</p> <p>Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name</p> <p>Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour, Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.</p> <p>Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.</p> <p>Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, And fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.</p> <p>Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, So useful, humble, precious and pure.</p> <p>Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth</p>	

who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.
Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for
love of You and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High,
they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,
from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in
mortal sin! Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm. Praise and bless my
Lord and give Him thanks,
And serve Him with great humility.