Laudato Si’ at Four: Momentum Is Building in the U.S. Catholic Church!

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A Prayer for our Earth

(By Pope Francis)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
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What’s been happening?

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Areas of Catholic Laudato Si’ Activity

Awareness
Advocacy
Action
Awareness

- Conferences, conferences, conferences
- Parish study groups
- Laudato Si’ Week 2016
- Healing Earth e-textbook
Advocacy

- **Pro:** Clean Power Plan, Paris Agreement, carbon dividend bill
- **Anti:** Trump enviro deregulations
- Catholics in CA, MD back clean energy bills
- Protests, marches highlight encyclical
- **Laudato Si’ Generation**

(CNS photo/Dennis Sadowski)
Action

- Parishes, dioceses, schools go solar
- Catholic Climate Declaration
- Year of Creation in Vermont
- Hospitals reduce carbon footprints
- Laudato Si’ Project
- Ignatian Carbon Challenge
- Waste reduction at all levels
Takeaways on US Church & Laudato Si’

- Activity on LS is happening
- Efforts existed pre-LS, but encyclical has provided added motivation, energy
- What’s missing: pace+scale

Tips? Message me at broewe@ncronline.org, or on Twitter: @BrianRoewe
Sowing Hope for the Planet
Campaign of the UISG
“Sowing Hope for the Planet”
is a project in which every Sister whose congregation is a member of UISG, and their connections, are provided with an opportunity to make a difference in our care of the planet.
Pope Francis has underlined the fundamental connection that exists between the environmental crisis and the social crisis that we are currently experiencing and asks us for a personal and community ecological conversion.
“When we speak of the ‘environment’ what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it.” LS, 139
Cry of the earth and the cry of the poor
Everything is interconnected... LS, 70
Common Plan

Coordinate  Utilize  Evaluate  Develop  Strengthen  Partner
• **Laudato Si**: Everything is interconnected
• **Saving Our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth**
• **Inspiring Action with Love**: Stories from Around the Globe
• **In Solidarity**: Interconnecting Global and Local Concerns
• **Growing Seeds of Hope**: Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor
Website

Sowing Hope for the Planet
2018 / 2020

UISG Campaign

A project in which every Sister whose congregation is a member of UISG, and their connections are provided with an opportunity to make a difference in our care of the planet.

This project is a collaborative effort of the JPIC Commission in the name of UISG and the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM).

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Campaign Developed Resources

Season of Creation video: 2,576 views

World Water Day video: 14,258 views
Unifying Perspective

Local and global communities

Advocacy

Parish

Congregation
Unifying Perspective

Laudato Si study/course materials

Schools: elementary, middle school, high school, and college

Healthcare

Social services
UISG Campaign
Sowing Hope for the Planet

Laudato Si’ and the Way Forward
With inspiration from Laudato Si' quotes
Society of the Holy Child Jesus
USA

Laudato Si’ Reflection Resource: On Care for Our Common Home
Praise for the four elements - a prayer honoring the elements of creation
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Sisters of the Holy Cross—Meditative Walk USA
Called to Conversion

Laudato Si’

Catholic Ecological Awakening

Saturday March 16, 2019
9 am - 12 pm
Villa de Matel Convent
6510 Lawndale, Houston, TX
77023

A morning of critical reflection on one of the most urgent moral challenges of our time.

TEDTalk-style speakers and local Catholic leaders will discuss the responsibility of individual Christians and the role of the local Church to Care for our Common Home. Come early for a Labyrinth Prayer Walk at 8 a.m.

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or 713-341-2592

Free event with Spanish interpretation offered. Evento gratuito con servicio de intérprete de inglés a español incluido.
Adorers of the Blood of Christ ~ USA
Instituto Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice ~ USA
School Sisters of Notre Dame ~ Nepal, Ghana, Brazil, Slovenia, Hungary, Belarus, USA
Way Forward:

- Raise a united voice
- Designated power structures
- UISG unifying voice
- Organize voice
Therefore, a summation of UISG commitment:

To both personal and communal conversion

To move forward together

in an orchestrated and coordinated response in

Listening to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor

To go forth as instruments of Prophetic hope

In the heart of the world.
Thank you!

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Questions?
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