

PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION OF “THE SEASON OF CREATION”



To celebrate the “*Season of Creation*” proclaimed by Pope Francis to celebrate St. Francis’s Feast and to learn how to implement the message of *Laudato Si* during the month of September, we have planned three virtual gatherings and invite your participation.

The great love of St. Francis for all creation, with special attention to the poor was the inspiration for Pope Francis to take the name Francis. The saint’s life and love also motivated Pope Francis to write his most comprehensive and spiritual encyclical *Laudato Si* 5 years ago.

So, we gather for these three special events to celebrate the life and work of St. Francis, the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si* and our Diocesan Creation Care Ministry.

- 1- A one hour para-liturgical celebration consisting of prayer, readings with reflections a video and a with questions and answers discussed by a panel is scheduled for a zoom conference on **Wednesday, September 16rd at 7 p.m. To join CLICK HERE.**
- 2- A three person panel zoom conference to present and explain our new Diocesan Climate Action Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30rd at 7 p.m. Their presentation will be followed by answers to question from participating persons. [Link to follow](#)
3. **On Saturday, October 3rd an outdoor Mass** will be celebrated from a local parish at 10 a.m. Interested persons may attend according to the norms for Masses in our parishes. The Mass will be live streamed for those who are unable to make it to the Mass celebration for the Feast of St. Francis that is celebrated each year on October 4th. [Link to be sent.](#)

“There has been a growing conviction that our planet is a homeland and that humanity is one people living in a common home.” (L. S. 164)