

Explanation: Creation Care Corner Bulletin Inserts

--Creation Care Corner is a free, print-ready weekly placement for church bulletins to keep the message of Laudato Si' and Catholic social teaching on Care for Creation in front of parishioners.

-It offers Creation Care quotes from past Popes/Saints

-It often offers a Creation Care weekly sustainability recommendation where parishioners can often save money and save energy/resources to make a meaningful reduction in their environmental footprint.

--It's messaging often works to connect the dots between Care for Creation, environmental stewardship and Faith.

--Consider approaching your parish to have the Creation Care Corner included in newsletters of bulletins. The Creation Care Corner placement is provided in editable PDF and Microsoft Publisher files. That way, if the preference is for less than a ¼ page placement, the communicator can edit to fit their needs, down to 1/8 page if needs be.

--Attached is a database where these can be downloaded in PDF or Publisher files. There appx 70 different sustainability recommendations. Each recommendation is used 2x / year. There are some that are marked "seasonal" for warm weather or colder weather recommendations. There is one marked "local" where if used outside of IL should be updated for accuracy. The sustainability messages have been carefully edited and sources crossed checked from credible sources. The PDF, Jpeg and Publisher files are found at:

<http://bit.ly/creationcarecorner1>

A Bulletin print ready multi-part series synopsis explaining key takeaways from Laudato Si' and the Season of Creation is also added to that database.

--Some **Samples of the Creation Care Corner placement formats can be seen below.** The format, while designed for ¼ page, but is flexible and can be edited to 1/8 page if necessary.

--If you would like to be added to the very convenient weekly bulletin insert mailing list, simply send a request to creationcarecorner@yahoo.com with your name, parish and city and state

Content for these inserts is thoroughly researched. We ask that you not edit the body of the sustainability article content if you are calling the articles "Creation Care Corner". But there are various edits you can use to utilize smaller footprint needs by removing pictures, logos, and quotes. You can also use your own formats and colors. You also have permission to remove our logo and use your own.

(See next page for sample format options and ideas dependent on available space)

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- 1- Meat Consumption
- 2- Fuel efficiency
- 3- Green electricity
- 4- Reduce Flying
- 5- Reduce food waste; 5a to use in Sept. for Season of Creation
- 6- Energy Star appliances
- 7- Water Heaters
- 8- Single Use Plastics
- 9- Hazardous Waste Disposal
- 10- Plastic bottles
- 11- Sensible Water Usage
- 12- Plastic waste
- 13- Reduce acquisition ; 13a to use in Sept. for Season of Creation
- 14- Buy locally grown
- 15- Reduce paper usage, 15a to use in Sept. for Season of Creation
- 16- Washing clothes in cold water
- 17- Mindful consuming
- 18- Zero waste picnics
- 19- Take personal action on climate
- 20- Contact your Representatives
- 21- FSC Lumber – protect forests
- 22- Avoid palm oil
- 23- Power strips
- 24- Lawn watering
- 25- Cool efficiently
- 26- Make homes air-tight
- 27- Plant trees
- 28- Compost
- 29- Halloween candy – palm oil free choices
- 30- Simplicity and Spirituality
- 31- Lent Fasting ideas
- 32- EPA winter Savings

- 33- Be Salt-wise
- 34- Auto Maintenance
- 35- Single-use plastic
- 36- Connect the Dots
- 37- Laudato Si' recap
- 38- The Anniversary of Laudato Si
- 39- `
- 40- Protect Pollinators
- 41- Home energy assessment / audit
- 42- Carbon footprint calculation
- 43- Season of Creation Pt 1
- 44- Take legislative climate action
- 45- New Years Resolution
- 46- Climate change and Faith
- 47- Climate change: A Respect Life issue
- 48- Pandemic Reflections
- 49- Earth Day ½ page
- 50- Auto idling
- 51- `
- 52- The anniversary of Laudato Si'
- 53- Season of Creation Pt.2
- 54- Season of Creation Pt.4
- 55- Season of Creation Pt 3 – Paper Waste
- 56- Thanksgiving
- 57- Advent

- 57b Christmas pt 2

- 58- Join Groups
- 59- Invasive Species
- 60- Easter
- 61- Mulch leaves
- 62- `Species Diversity
- 63- `Turning down the gas
- 64- Pope Francis movie: The Letter
- 65- The Ostrich Effect
- 66- Earth Day Message
- 67- Rain Gardens
- 68- Faith, Urgency and Action
- 69- World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
- 70- Doomism
- 71- Laudate Deum
- 72- Giving experiences (not stuff)
- 73- Carbon Fast - Lent
- 74- Systemic Change
- 75- -
- 76- Lent: and a time for change (Laudate Deum)
- 77- What USCCB says – That Biblical references say on Creation Care
- 78- What Saints Say about Creation Care
- 79- Carbon Pricing – A catholic Solution?

- 80- Integral Ecology
- 81- Ecological Sin
- 82- -
- 83- Climate change and harm to pregnancy
- 84- New Years Resolutions – Pt 2
- 85- Francis' Climate Change legacy
- 86- Last Call – Energy Efficiency Tax Credits
- 87- Pope Leo – World Day of Prayer for SOC 2025
- 88- Pope Leo and Care of Creation
- 89- Electric Vehicles
- 90- Pope Leo on Climate Justice

206 Laudato Si' anniversary – ½ page USCCB prayer card

¼ page insert Laudato Si' encyclical summaries

301- Laudato Si' – Part 1

302- Laudato Si' – Part 2

303- Laudato Si' – Part 3

500 – Cardinal Cupich letter supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

Creation Care / Respect Life – USCCB placement

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