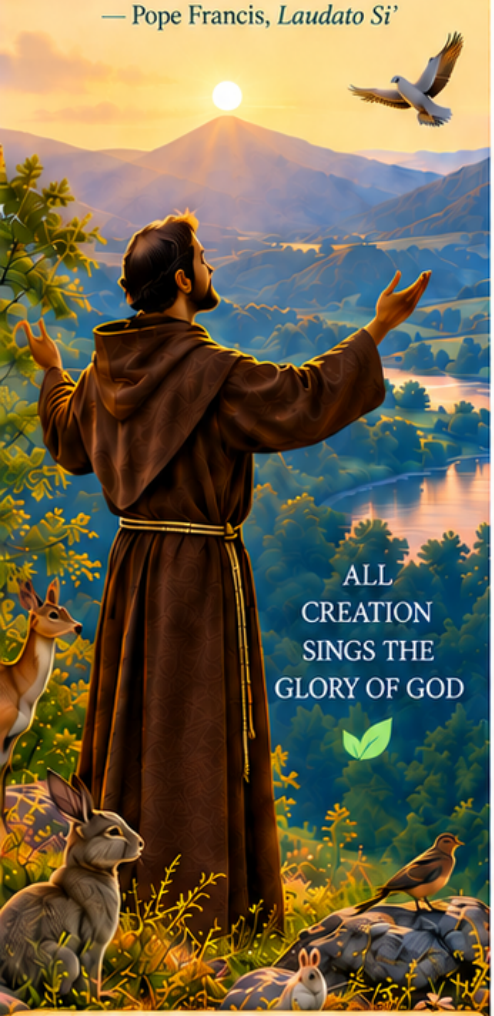
OUR COMMON HOME
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Care for God's Creation

Faith in Action
for a More Hope-Filled World

"All things are connected,
and we are all brothers and sisters
on a common journey."

— Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*



A Prayer for God's Creation

Loving God,
You have given us the gift of creation.
Help us to see Your presence in all that You have made,
to care for the earth, to protect its people,
and to live in right relationship with all creation.
Teach us to be faithful stewards,
now and for generations to come.
Amen.

Why Care for God's Creation?

Because It Is an Act of Faith, Love, and Justice

God created a beautiful and good world and calls us to be faithful stewards of all that He has made. Caring for creation is not optional — it is a response of love, gratitude, and justice for present and future generations.

"The earth is the Lord's,
and all that is in it."
— Psalm 24:1

Questions for Personal Reflection

- How do I see God's presence in creation?
- What does a healthy planet mean for my faith, my family, and future generations?
- What small changes can I make in my daily life?
- How can I use my gifts to help care for creation?
- What is Christ calling me to do?

Ways to Get Involved

Start small. Be consistent. Invite others.

- Learn more about Catholic teaching on creation.
- Adopt more sustainable habits.
- Join or support a creation care ministry or initiative.
- Participate in the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 – Oct. 4).
- Advocate for policies that protect people and the planet.

Involve Your Family

Make care for creation a family value.

- Pray together for creation.
- Enjoy nature and spend time outdoors.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle at home.
- Choose simple, sustainable lifestyles.
- Teach children to respect all living creatures.
- Start family traditions, like a creation care project or nature walk.

Engage Your Community

Work together for a healthier, more just world.

Put Your Faith Into Action

Creation care becomes stronger when we do it together.

- **Plant for the future** — trees, native plants, or a parish garden.
- **Care for our waters** — organize a local cleanup.
- **Grow and share food** — support community gardens and food pantries.
- **Reduce and reuse** — start a parish recycling program.
- **Invite others** — partner with schools, civic groups, and other faith communities.
- **Pray and act together** — begin each project with prayer.

"Start where you are. Use what you have.
Invite others to walk with you."
— Saint Francis of Assisi

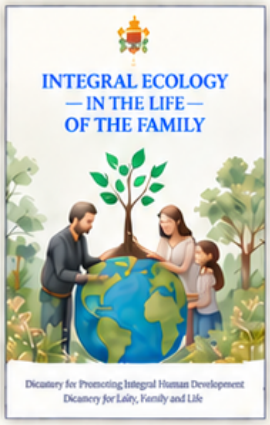
What Parishes Can Do

Care for creation as a faith community.

- Integrate creation care into liturgy, faith formation, and parish life.
- Form a Creation Care Ministry or Green Team.
- Offer educational programs and speaker events.
- Care for parish grounds with sustainable practices.
- Reduce energy use and waste.
- Support local and global environmental justice efforts.
- Celebrate the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 – Oct. 4) with prayer, service, and action.

Learn More & Resources

Explore. Learn. Be Inspired. Take Action.



Featured Resource

Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family

A 2026 Vatican resource with reflection questions and concrete actions for families, Church groups, and individuals.

Available at:
vatican.va

International & National Resources

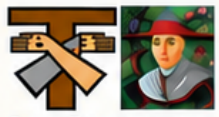
LaudatoSiMovement.org
Global Catholic movement for ecological conversion.

SeasonofCreation.org
Official resources for the Season of Creation.

Vatican.va
Materials on the Church's teaching and initiatives.

CatholicClimateCovenant.org
U.S. Catholic platform for care for creation.

USCCB.org/environment
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops – resources, programs, and advocacy.



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For more information on Caring for God's Creation, you can reach out to stbonaventureofs.org.

"I have done what was mine to do.
May Christ teach you what to do."
— Saint Francis of Assisi