

Laudato Si' Project

Newsletter

"Restoring our Natural Connection"



Mission: To restore humanity's connection to the natural world through Education, Stewardship, and Recreation

Spring, 2016



Living *Laudato Si'*

Laudato Si' Project was born at the beginning of this 2016 year and it is amazing how God has used it to do amazing things so far. When Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment *Laudato Si'* came out last June, the world's ear was more open than ever to the message of sustainability. It is from this Christian call to be stewards of our planet that the *Laudato Si' Project* seeks to accomplish its mission.

With the school academic year coming to a close, *Laudato Si' Project* is already looking to next school year for new schools to join us in education, stewardship, and recreation projects. Parishes are more eager than ever to learn how they can be Living *Laudato Si'* and we look forward to helping them learn how to "Care for Our Common Home."

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Laudato Si' Project in the Community

From Relevant Radio interviews to conservation alliances, *Laudato Si' Project* is spreading the word about sustainability

We have been blessed to have the opportunity to be on Relevant Radio's Morning Air show both in March and on Earth Day in April. We have also joined in two conservation partnerships: the Mid-Kettle Moraine Partners and the Green Alliance. These opportunities have allowed the message of *Laudato Si'* to reach many people and organizations that may not know about our call as Christians to be stewards of our planet.

Laudato Si' Project also became a 501c3 tax-deductible organization this Spring. We thank our donors for supporting our mission and allowing us to form new school and parish partnerships.

As we move into the summer, we have lots of great projects coming up like prairie plantings, parish presentations, and shoreline restorations. We will be meeting with new partner schools over the summer to ensure that all students have the opportunity to connect with the natural world.



By The Numbers: Helping Care for Our Common Home

Education

Laudato Si' Project has conducted **19 hours** of presentations, interpretive hikes, and educational tours

Stewardship

Laudato Si' Project has contributed **81 volunteer hours** in stewardship projects to better the ecological value of Wisconsin's wild places

Recreation

Laudato Si' Project has sponsored **11 hours** of recreational outings to visit, explore, and learn about our natural world