

Laudato Si' Project

Newsletter



Summer 2016

Restoring Our Natural Connection

Mission: To restore humanity's connection to the natural world through education, stewardship, and recreation



1 Year Anniversary of Encyclical Laudato Si'

Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* celebrated one year since its release on June 18, 2015. *Laudato Si' Project* has been busy living out the call of *Laudato Si'* by making sure more schools and parishes have the opportunity to connect with nature and see their stewardship of the environment as a part of our Catholic faith. *Laudato Si' Project* believes that unless we can connect people to the natural world in a personal, hands-on way, than humanity will never care for our common home. As our Holy Father said,

“LIVING OUR VOCATION TO BE PROTECTORS OF GOD'S HANDIWORK IS ESSENTIAL TO A LIFE OF VIRTUE”

-Joe Meyer, Executive Director



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5 things you can do everyday to live *Laudato Si'*

1. **Get Out in Nature:** More “green time and less screen time” will help foster curiosity and love for God’s creation in you and your family.

2. **Buy Local and Seasonal Organic Foods:** The ecological footprint of our food is unbelievable. Buying foods from a CSA or farmer’s market will do wonders to insuring a healthier, more sustainable future.

3. **Consume Less:** Less is truly more and as Christians we are called to always strive to live more simply. Many of our world’s environmental problems stem from over-consumption.

4. **Get Involved:** Get your hands dirty working for the earth and the poor. “...it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.” -*Laudato Si'*

5. **Pray for Our Common Home:** A lot of kneeling will keep us in good standing. We pray as one human family for our one human family and the Earth that sustains us. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.





New Partnerships

Laudato Si' Project's new partnerships with schools and parishes will allow us to engage more people than ever before

Over the summer, *Laudato Si' Project* has been busy forming relationships with schools, parishes, and retreat centers all over the country. We are happy to announce five new partnerships: St. Thomas More High School-WI, St. Gabriel School and Parish-WI, St. Mark's School-MN, Schoenstatt Retreat Center-WI, and St. Charles Borromeo Parish-MD. These partnerships will allow more students and adults to learn and live out our call as Catholic stewards. These partnerships will also engage

large numbers of students in stewardship projects, educational events, and recreational outings. Our partnership with Schoenstatt Retreat Center allows us long term educational stewardship projects to not only help the environment, but engage volunteers in its transformation. Please consider sponsoring a partnership or taking part in one of our many events. More information is on our website.



By The Numbers: Summertime Care for Our Common Home

Education

Laudato Si' Project has conducted **12 hours** of presentations, interpretive hikes, and educational tours.

Stewardship

Laudato Si' Project has contributed **74 volunteer hours** in stewardship projects to better the ecological value of our world's outdoor places.

Recreation

Laudato Si' Project has sponsored **7 hours** of recreational outings to visit, explore, and learn about our natural world.

Laudato Si' Project is a 501(c)3 tax deductible organization that depends on membership and donations to continue its vital mission. Thank You!