

Care for Creation

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Mother Earth is having a moment in Catholic circles. With Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'* celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, dioceses and parishes around the globe are stepping up their commitment to Care for the Earth. This includes our diocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and our parish. When you visit www.laudatosimovement.org, you will find stories of people all over the world working to bring the good news of climate work to those they love. And there is much to do.

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis' 2023 follow-up to *Laudato Si'*, the Holy Father admonishes our slow response to the challenges facing the earth and, ultimately, the human family, reminding us that "our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together."

With the death of Pope Francis, there was the question regarding the focus on Creation and how it might be altered. Pope Leo IV has not only continued the zeal that Pope Francis showed in *Laudato Si'*, but he has also released his own message with an accompanying sense of urgency. You can find it [here](#). There are so many ways to engage in climate action. Here at St. Mary's, JPOC has a Care for Creation working group. You can contact Kathryn Lien at kathrynannlien@gmail.com to learn more. At the diocesan level, you can become part of the *Laudato Si'* movement. Visit www.laudatosimovement.org or explore the Minnesota Catholic Conference website on "Our Common Home." Nationally, Catholics are working together through the Catholic Climate Covenant, found [here](#). Little or much, creation needs your attention. Let us join St. Francis in his Canticle of Creation and praise God's gift to us all!

Resources and Links:

Pope Francis. *Encyclical Letter "Laudato Si"* [Laudato si' \(24 May 2015\) | Francis](#)

Pope Francis. *"Laudate Deum"* ["Laudate Deum": Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the climate crisis \(4 October 2023\) | Francis](#)

Laudato Si movement: [Laudato Si' Movement](#)

Pope Leo XIV. Message "Seeds of Peace and Hope" [Message of the Holy Father on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation \[1 September 2025\] \(30 June 2025\) | LEO XIV](#)

Catholic Climate Covenant: [Homepage](#) | [Catholic Climate Covenant](#)