

Take the Creation Pledge

- Pray for and with creation
- Live more simply
- Advocate to protect our common home
- Share my time and talents

Next Steps

- Continue the discussion begun today with others.
- Read the encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*
- Visit the following websites:
 - archchicago.org/creation
 - laudatosiactionplatform.org
 - laudatosimovement.org
 - catholicclimatecovenant.org
 - usccb.org/environment
- Contact your parish creation care champion

Name: _____

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Five people received letters inviting them to the Vatican...

“The Letter” is the film that documents their journeys from the Amazon, Senegal, India and the coral reefs of Hawaii. It details the interaction of these strangers with one another, with Pope Francis and with the Holy Father’s vision proclaimed in *Laudato Si'*. The stories of these activists give voice to those who are young, poor and indigenous and who speak for wildlife.

Thank you for your presence today. We invite you to be a witness to the connections these sojourners develop—to the values that connect them to us—as we face the future of our planet and all who call it home.

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Goals of Laudato Si'



RESPOND TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Calls us to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.



RESPOND TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

Calls us to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death and all forms of life on Earth.



FOSTER ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society which itself, embedded within the biosphere—our common home.



ADOPT SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

Grounds us in the idea of sufficiency and promotes sobriety in the use of resources and energy.



PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Asks us to rethink and redesign curricular and institutional reforms in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and transformative action.



PRACTICE ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

Helps us experience a profound ecological conversion and “discover God in all things,” in the beauty of creation, in the sighs of the sick, and in the groans of the afflicted, aware that the life of the spirit is not dissociated from worldly realities.



SUPPORT COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Encourages us to imagine a synodal journey of community engagement and participatory action at various levels.



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Discussion Questions

Following the film, we invite you to form small clusters to facilitate discussion about what you have seen. Here are conversation starters:

- What about the documentary impressed you most? What is your key takeaway?
- The film presents the planetary crisis as a human crisis. What do the people in the film share in common? How can we connect with strangers as disciples of Christ?
- How can we make time and space to listen to those whose voices we do not usually hear?
- In the film we hear, “The Amazon depends on you.” Viewers are also asked how we will care for our common home. What will you do?
- How do you think caring for Creation connects with our faith?
- What signs of hope do you see in the film and/or in our world?