

6 OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTEMPLATE AND ACT UPON THE CALL OF LAUDATO SI'

What difference can it make: In your life? For the sake of our world?

Transforming Your Life in Light of Laudato Si' Action Platform: Retreat for Pastoral Associates and Adult Faith Educators

Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. – Wednesday, January 25 at 12 p.m. (CT)

The splendid communion of Christ, humanity and all of creation is inviting us into a transformation of our lives. Pope Francis, aware of this sacred calling, wrote a letter to people of all faiths (*Laudato Si'*) inviting us to care for our common home. Five years later with urgency he invites the global community to action. Join in contemplating the call, discover yourself drawn into action and find your whole life being transformed.

In-person preferred; hybrid could be arranged. Cost: \$200 overnight, \$150 commuter, \$150 Zoom.

Caring for Life in Light of Laudato Si': Retreat for Religious Leaders

Tuesday, January 31 from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (CT)

Gather with your staff and other religious leaders of all faiths to discover the “why” of Pope Francis' letter, the urgency of the call to people of all faiths and the response of the global community to this letter. The intimate connection between Christ, humanity and creation reveals the importance of this invitation to realizing the reign of God. Be the influence your faith community is awaiting. Join the global movement making a difference for the sake of creating a future full of hope, starting now!

Hybrid (In-person and Zoom). Cost: \$50 In-person, \$50 Zoom.

The Letter Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, Feb. 6 from 1 – 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (CT)

Join us to watch “The Letter,” whose title refers to Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* on integral ecology and our planetary crisis. This film follows an indigenous leader from the Amazon rainforest, a young climate activist from India, a climate refugee from Senegal and two marine biologists in Hawaii as they travel from their corners of the world to meet with Pope Francis. Dialogue is central to the Pope's vision for humanity's peace with all creation. Let's watch the film together and engage in conversation on how we can solve our broken systems and more deeply understand that a better future is in our hands. The tools to protect our common home are already with us!

Hybrid (In-person and Zoom). Facilitator is at The Well.

Cost: Free in-person, suggested donation \$5 - \$10 on Zoom.

Living as Ambassadors for Christ: Lenten Retreat for Catechists

Saturday, February 25 from 9 – 11:45 a.m. (CT)

Join in reflecting on Ash Wednesday's call to be "Ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5: 20) in light of Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'*, together with its Action Platform. Discover yourself as part of the global movement of people of all faiths listening and responding to the cries of Earth and her people. Find yourself drawn into Lent involved in transforming the world into the communion of love announced and made present by Jesus. Go into the rest of Lent celebrating that you are offering a future full of hope to generations that follow!

Zoom only. Cost: \$20. Three Archdiocese of Chicago credits available.

Our Reality: Integral Ecology

Thursday, May 4 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. (CT)

We live in a world where division and separation seem to be part of life. However, this is an illusion. Reality is that we live in a spiritual world where we are all inter-connected. Join us as we reflect on our common home (our "ecos") and begin to celebrate our "integral ecology!" Every word we say, everything we do affects everything, everywhere!

Hybrid (In-person and Zoom). Facilitator is at The Well. Cost: \$15.

Summer Guided Retreat, with Option for Direction

Sunday, June 4 at 7 p.m. – Friday, June 9 at 4 p.m. (CT)

Spiritual Directors: Pat Bergen, CSJ; Maria Hill, CSJ; Diane Pfahler, SND; Sue Torgersen, CSJ

Each morning retreatants will gather for a communal session of prayer and a presentation regarding the themes of *Laudato Si'*, followed by the option for spiritual direction. In the evenings, gather for a sharing of the graces of the day. Retreatants will also gather communally on Sunday evening for an opening session, and on Friday afternoon for a closing session.

Hybrid (In-person and Zoom). Spiritual Directors will be at The Well.
Cost: \$600 overnight, \$500 commuter, \$300 Zoom.



All Programs will be Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ

Pat Bergen is a Sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph, whose mission is "Unity" flowing from John 17: 21, "That All May be One." She is an educator, spiritual director, retreat and workshop facilitator and restorative justice circle keeper who served 18 years in leadership of her congregation. In her doctoral dissertation she focuses on Communion with Creation: Implications for Prayer, Justice and Leadership.

*"The upcoming *Laudato Si'* programming is thoughtfully developed to lead participants into a deeper understanding of the connection between Christ, humanity and creation. The retreat and workshops offer inspired means and material to implement the *Laudato Si'* vision in your parish and throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago."*

—Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob
Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate I

*"Peace with God, peace with one another and peace within ourselves require peace between us and our environment. Thanks to the Care for Creation Ministry and the Sisters of St. Joseph for planning these retreats and workshops. They provide an excellent opportunity for parishioners and church professionals in Chicago and the suburbs to "bring home" the global initiatives of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform."*

—Most Rev. Mark Bartosic
Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate II

For more information and to register, visit: csjthewell.org/offerings or call us at 708.482.5048.