



HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE **SEASON OF CREATION**

From Sunday, September 1 to Friday, October 4 Christians around the world will be celebrating the Season of Creation by praying and acting together to protect our common home. It is important to include children in this celebration – they are our future!

To love God, we must honor all that God has created. To love our neighbor requires us as Christians to preserve and protect all that sustains life. The theme of this year's Season of Creation celebration is "The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's Blessing." Catholics are uniting with others in the Christian family to protect every creature in God's beautifully complex web of creation.

Below are a few ideas that your school can utilize to celebrate and recognize the Season of Creation. Resources for all ideas are available on pvm.archchicago.org/season-of-creation

- **Encourage the attendance of the Prayer Service for the World Day of Prayer and the Care of Creation.** This ecumenical prayer service will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church from 4 – 6 p.m.
- **Participate in the Global Climate Action Day on Friday, September 20.** Youth around the world will be taking a stand for the global climate on this day.
- **Utilize the Season of Creation 2019 during Masses or morning prayer.** Weekly prayers will be distributed beginning in the last week in August.
- **Organize a special celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.** The Feast of St. Francis marks the end of the Season of Creation on Friday, October 4.
- **Emphasize recycling efforts in your school.**
- **Organize a park clean up.**
- **Adapt Catholic lesson plans created for Earth Day for your school.**

For more information on these events and resources for your school, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/season-of-creation or contact Ryan Lents at rlents@archchicago.org or **312.534.8057**.