

## What on Earth is the Church Doing? Connecting the Dots Between *Laudato Si'* and Contemporary Issues Speaker Series

# LAUDATO SI' AND AI

**May 8, 2024 | 12 – 1 p.m.**

**Archbishop Quigley Center, Conference Rooms B and C**

835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

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The Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of the Vicar General and Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity, Care for Creation Ministry invite archdiocesan staff, parishes and leaders to our upcoming speaker series where we will explore how the teachings of *Laudato Si'* connect to pressing issues of our time.

Our first discussion, led by Dr. Michael Murphy, will explore the ways that Pope Francis engages questions of contemporary social ecology in a Catholic key. As always, we find out who we are by what we create—and, perhaps more importantly, by how we care for what we create (Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, anyone?); but we are at the same time reminded that we have the gifts, capacity and responsibility to respond well to both the opportunities and challenges that attend the digital revolution. As Pope Francis counsels, “no system”—including the complex structures of Artificial Intelligence—“can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts.”

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