

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

NONVIOLENCE IS KEY TO A LAUDATO SI' FUTURE

May 15, 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.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis called on the world to take dramatic action to heal and sustain “our common home,” the earth and its inhabitants. At the same time, the Holy Father has been a prophetic voice for nonviolence, as he underscored in a 2017 letter to Cardinal Blase J. Cupich in which he wrote, “the consistent practice of nonviolence has broken barriers, bound wounds, healed nations.”

Our second discussion of the series, led by Dr. Ken Butigan, will explore the convergence of these two themes. Together we will explore how nonviolence — a spirituality, way of life, and method for constructive change rooted in the Gospel and the birthright of all humanity — is critical to meeting the challenges of the climate crisis.

Learn more and register here: forms.office.com/r/AoxWiTcchi



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