

Laudato Si' at Four: Momentum Is Building in the U.S. Catholic Church!

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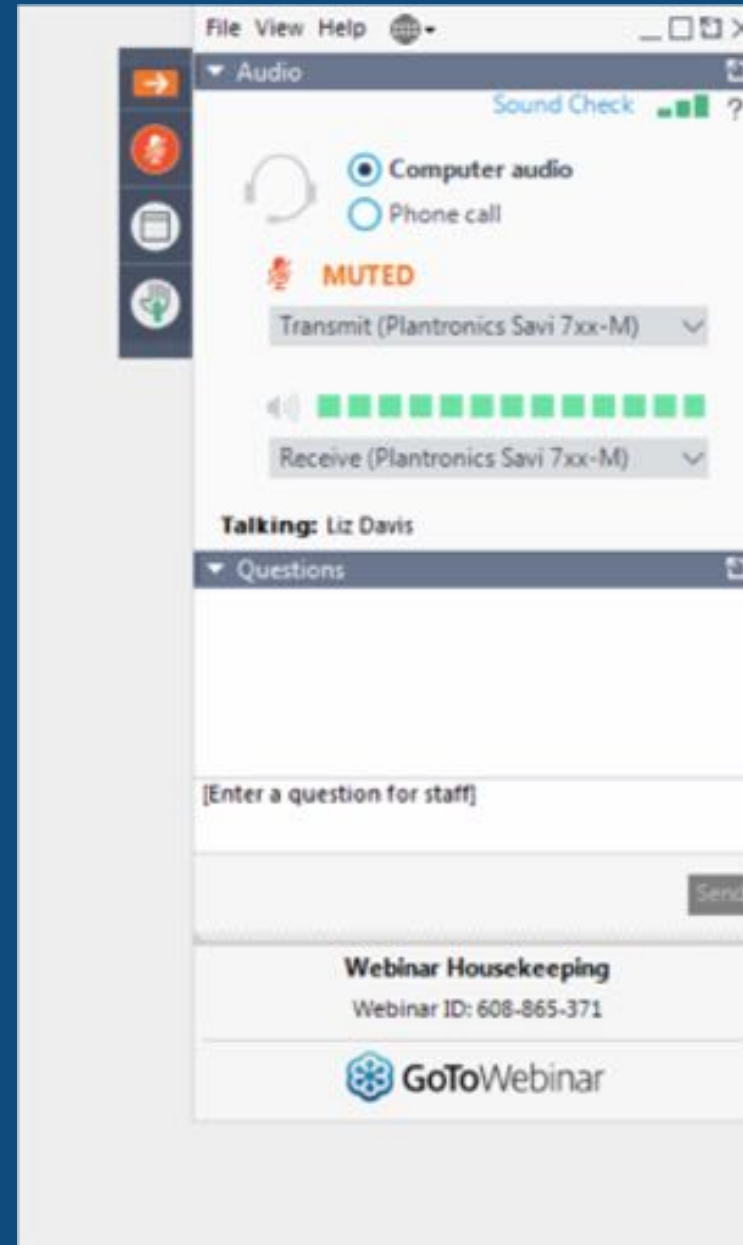
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A Prayer for our Earth –

(By Pope Francis)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us,
we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.



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US Catholic Church and Laudato Si'

What's been happening?



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Areas of Catholic Laudato Si' Activity

Awareness
Advocacy
Action



Awareness

- Conferences, conferences, conferences
- Parish study groups
- Laudato Si' Week 2016
- Healing Earth e-textbook



(Healing Earth)

Advocacy



(CNS photo/Dennis Sadowski)

- Pro: Clean Power Plan, Paris Agreement, carbon dividend bill
- Anti: Trump enviro deregulations
- Catholics in CA, MD back clean energy bills
- Protests, marches highlight encyclical
- Laudato Si' Generation



Action

- Parishes, dioceses, schools go solar
- Catholic Climate Declaration
- Year of Creation in Vermont
- Hospitals reduce carbon footprints
- Laudato Si' Project
- Ignatian Carbon Challenge
- Waste reduction at all levels

Takeaways on US Church & Laudato Si'



- Activity on LS is happening
- Efforts existed pre-LS, but encyclical has provided added motivation, energy
- What's missing: pace+scale

Tips? Message me at broewe@ncronline.org, or on Twitter: [@BrianRoewe](https://twitter.com/BrianRoewe)

A stylized illustration of the Earth in shades of green and blue. The globe is surrounded by various environmental icons: a sun in the upper right, a wind turbine in the upper right, trees and a house on the top edge, and water droplets on the left. The text 'OUR COMMON HOME' is written across the center of the globe in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

OUR COMMON HOME

<https://www.ncronline.org/feature-series/our-common-home/stories>

*Sowing Hope
for the Planet*

Campaign of the UISG



“Sowing Hope for the Planet”

is a project in which **every Sister** whose congregation is a member of UISG, and their connections, are provided with an **opportunity** to make a difference in our care of





Pope Francis has underlined the fundamental connection that exists between the environmental crisis and the social crisis that we are currently experiencing and asks us for a personal and community ecological

“When we speak of the ‘environment’
what we really mean is a relationship
existing between nature and the society
which lives in it.” LS, 139



Cry of the earth and the cry of the poor





Everything is interconnected... LS, 70



Common Plan

Coordinate

Utilize

Evaluate

Develop

Strengthen

Partner



Webinars:



- **Laudato Si:** Everything is interconnected
- **Saving Our Common Home and the Future** of Life on Earth
- **Inspiring Action with Love:** Stories from Around the Globe
- **In Solidarity:** Interconnecting Global and Local Concerns
- **Growing Seeds of Hope:** Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor

Website

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Sowing Hope for the Planet

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This project is a collaborative effort of the JPIC Commission in the name of UISG and the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM).

Pope Francis has underlined the fundamental connection that exists between the environmental crisis and the social crisis that we are experiencing and is asking for. He often reminds us: *"Everything is interconnected."*



Survey for Campaign

Campaign Developed Resources



Season of Creation video:
2,576 views

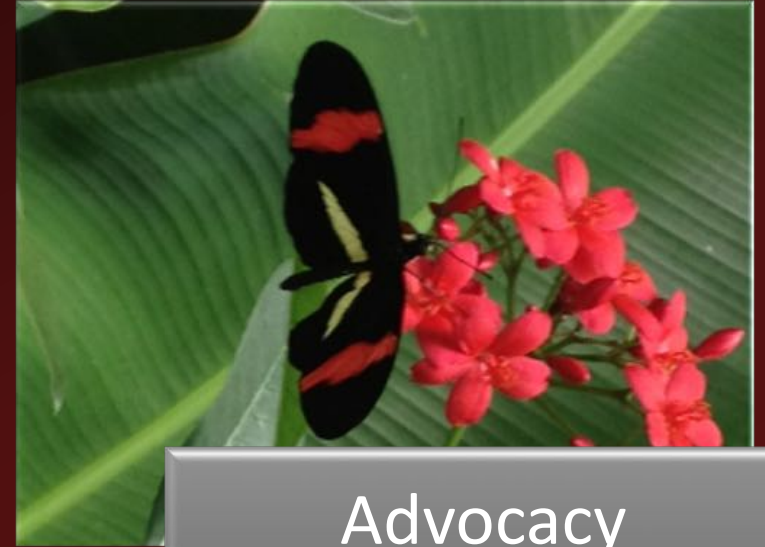


World Water Day video:
14,258 views

Unifying Perspective



Local and global
communities



Advocacy



Parish



Congregation

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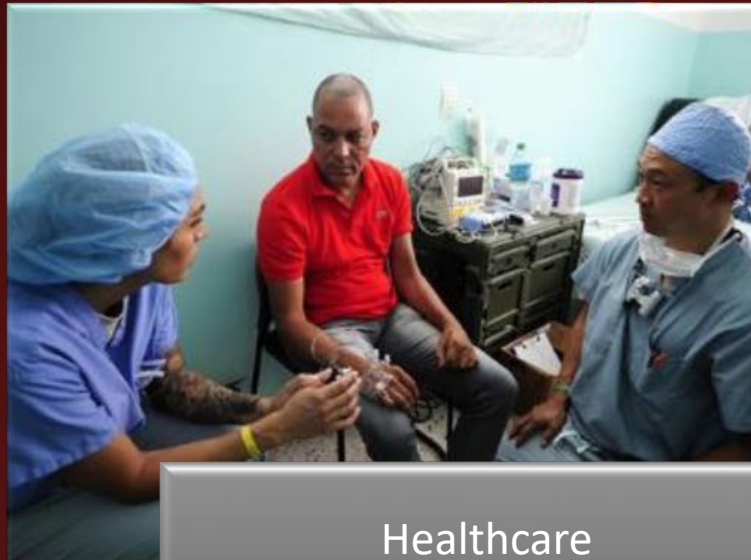


Laudato Si study/course materials

Teaching
Kids to
Care for
God's
Creation



Schools: elementary, middle school, high school, and college



Healthcare



Social services



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Laudato Si' and the Way Forward

With inspiration from Laudato Si quotes

Society of
the Holy
Child Jesus

USA



Laudato Si'
Reflection Resource:
On Care for Our Common Home

Wheaton Franciscans ~ USA



Praise for the four elements- a prayer honoring the elements of creation



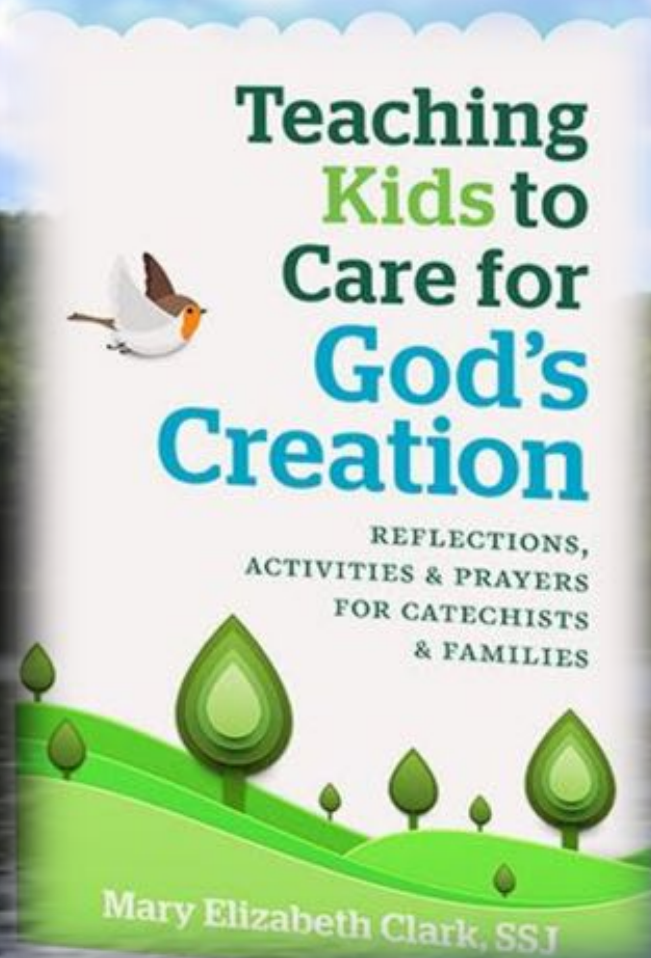
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LAUDATO SI'

CATHOLIC ECOLOGICAL AWAKENING


A morning of critical reflection on one of the most urgent moral challenges of our time.

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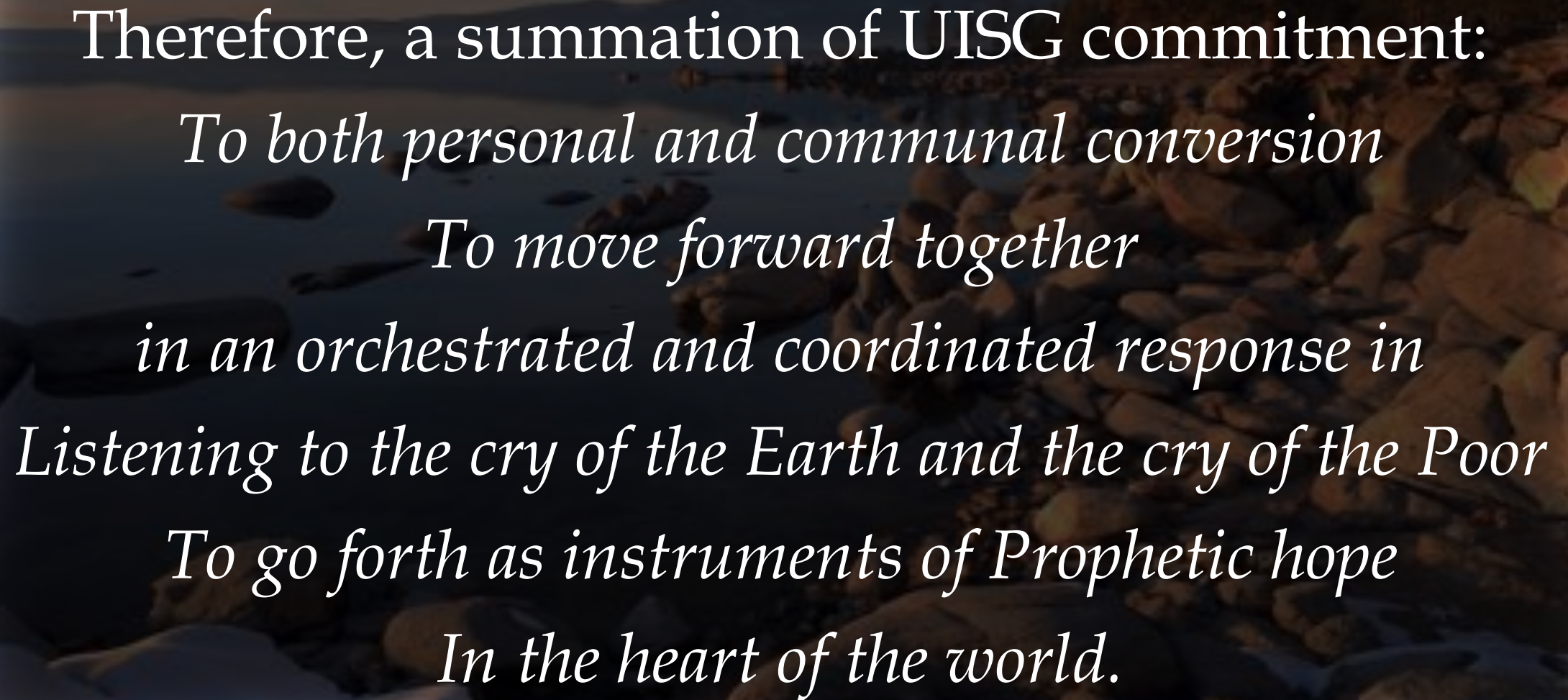


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Way Forward:



Therefore, a summation of UISG commitment:
*To both personal and communal conversion
To move forward together
in an orchestrated and coordinated response in
Listening to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor
To go forth as instruments of Prophetic hope
In the heart of the world.*

Thank you!



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Questions ?



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