

Bios: “Catholics Take Action to Protect Our Common Home: Laudato Si’!”

Delaina Wilkin, M.D., J.D., is a parishioner at Saint Pius X Catholic Church in Granger, Indiana and member of its Creation Care Team since 2016. She is a wife, mother, and nature lover who continues to be inspired by Pope Francis and *Laudato Si’*. During law school she interned at the Michigan Attorney General's Office-Natural Resources Division and studied environmental law. In addition to volunteering with Pius X’s Creation Care Team, she is actively involved in Citizens Climate Lobby, a nonpartisan advocacy group working to curb carbon emissions.

Chuck Bueter worked on commercial boats on the Great Lakes until he became an at-home dad for two children. With the kids now grown, he and his wife are parishioners of Saint Pius X Catholic Church in Granger, Indiana. Throughout he has enjoyed doing education and public outreach in the community as an amateur astronomer with an emphasis on advocating for dark skies. Promoting solar energy, his latest interest is guiding people to be more familiar with the sun by making their own solargraphs—a six-month image of the sun’s path across the sky using a beer can, duct tape, and black-and-white photographic paper. His projects are at www.nightwise.org.

Pat Bergen, CSJ a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, is an educator, spiritual director and retreat facilitator who has served in leadership in her congregation for the past 11 years. She has a doctorate in theology with an emphasis in the New Cosmology and its implications for prayer, justice and leadership.

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Susan Varlamoff is a biologist and retired Director of the Office of Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. She is an author of three books, most recently *Sustainable Gardening for the Southeast* and the *Laudato Si Action Plan*. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*. Susan was featured on NPR for the work she did with colleagues to develop and implement the *Laudato Si Action Plan*. Susan Varlamoff is the wife of Ivan for 46 years, and mother to three sons and grandmother of two. She attends St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Lilburn, Georgia.

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