

# Practical and Proven Ways to Inspire Creation Care in Your Community

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## **Lord, I come to do your will**

Lord, allow my ears to listen to the cry of the earth,  
the voices of my sisters and brothers,  
those who face the harsh reality of climate change.

**Lord, I come to do your will.**

Lord, allow my eyes to see the beauty of creation,  
in flowers, creatures, forests, and cities alike.

**Lord, I come to do your will.**

Lord, allow my voice to speak out for justice  
and ensure people living in poverty are heard.

**Lord, I come to do your will.**

Lord, allow my hands to care for the earth,  
to toil, to reap, to celebrate.

**Lord, I come to do your will.**

Lord, allow my feet to take the path less trod,  
to walk the extra mile,  
to take your message out to the world.

**Lord, I come to do your will.**

Father Michael Fitzsimmons/CAFOD

**CAFOD**  
Just one world



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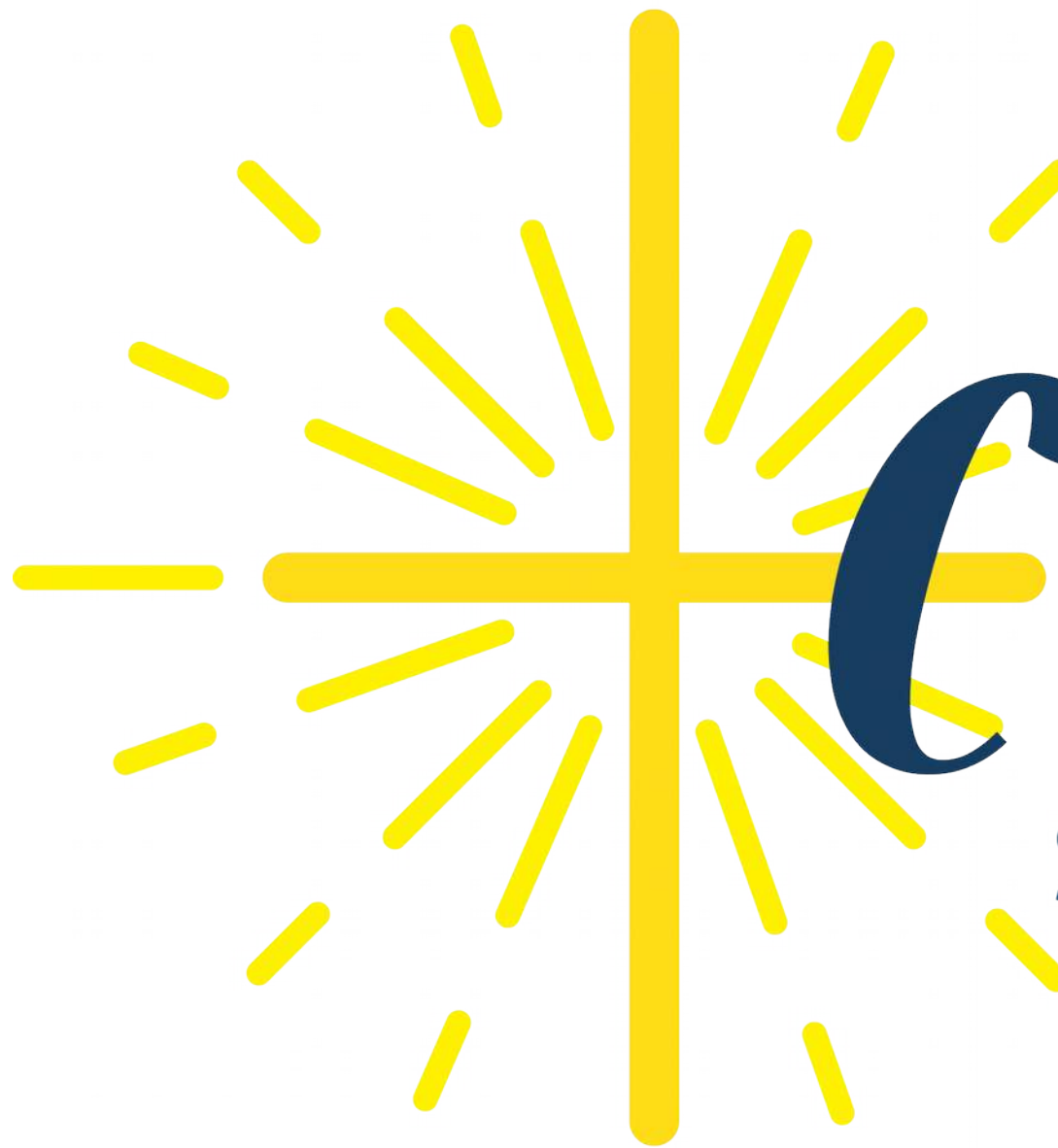


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The Diocese of Burlington

# *Year of Creation*

Serving God in all things



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# A Year of Creation: Serving God in All Things

## Methods:

- Education
- Prayer
- Action

## Members:

- Schools
- Parishes
- Communities

Vermont Catholic article:

<http://www.vermontcatholic.org/vcm/index.php/categories/diocesan/562-diocese-to-observe-2017-as-year-of-creation>



# Catholic Schools Care for Creation Day

## April 12, 2017



### EDUCATION:

Students from St. Michael's School learn how recycling is sorted and compost is made at the Windham Solid Waste Management District.



### PRAYER:

Students from Christ the King begin their day with Mass, praying for the fruitfulness of the earth and giving thanks for all creation.



### ACTION:

Students from the School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales create biodegradable flower pots that can be placed directly in the ground.



# Diocesan/Parish Events



**EDUCATION:** The Chittenden Solid Waste district shared a presentation on sustainable waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle, compost—in that order!) at Diocesan HQ. The presentation was shared live on Facebook.



**PRAYER:** Bishop Coyne led “The Stations of the Cross with John Paul II: On the Path of Ecological Conversion” (FAN) at the Cathedral on the first Friday of Lent. Prayer was followed by a presentation and local, seasonal, meat-free meal.



**ACTION:** The Holy Family/St. Lawrence “Green Kitchen Committee” works to make their parish hall eco-friendly with durable dishware and cutlery and recycle and compost guidelines.

Vermont Catholic articles: (1)

<http://www.vermontcatholic.org/vcm/index.php/categories/diocesan/685-composting-at-diocesan-headquarters>

; (2)

<http://www.vermontcatholic.org/vcm/index.php/categories/diocesan/656-on-the-path-of-ecological-convers>



# ACTION FOR ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

*Celebrating a Year of Creation*



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# Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation

## September 30, 2017



**EDUCATION:** Participants attended two of nine breakout sessions during the afternoon on various topics related to the message of *Laudato Si'*.



**PRAYER:** Bob Hurd of OCP leads participants in prayerful song throughout the day and during a closing reflection and song ceremony.



**ACTION:** Keynote speaker Dr. Carolyn Woo encourages participants to invest sustainably and, with hope, pursue a better world through concrete actions.

Vermont Catholic article, video and photo album:

<http://www.vermontcatholic.org/vcm/index.php/categories/diocesan/908-action-for-ecological-justice-conference>



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# A Community Approach to Caring for Creation



## TO GO FORTH

A blog from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development. Inspired by Pope Francis.

1. Form a relationship with a public purpose energy service company.
2. Connect with local faith and ecology organizations and affiliates.
3. Learn from your solid waste management district.
4. Eat locally.



# Catholic and Community Engagement



\*77% of those registered for the conference were new to our Diocesan database.



# Care for Our Common Home Conference



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Diocese of Toledo  
October 4th, 2017



Nick Lyster and Peggy Riehl

# Laudato Si' Task Force

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Established by request of Bishop Thomas

Meets monthly

20-25 people initially, core group is closer to 8-10

Set a goal to do an annual educational event



# Living *Laudato Si'* in Our Schools and Parishes, August 2016

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Summary of *Laudato Si'*

2 break out sessions

- Why God Created the Monarch Butterfly
- Living *Laudato Si'* in Our Schools

Bishop Thomas addressed the group

25 community organizations set up informational booths

At Rosary Cathedral School in the gymnasium on a Saturday







## WELCOME TO: Laudato Si' Care for Our Common Home

**12:30 p.m.** Doors Open

**1:00 p.m.** Welcome/Instructions/Prayer – Emcee: Sr. Geraldine Nowak, OSF

**1:10 p.m.** Keynote Speaker: Sister Sharon Havelak, OSF

**2:10 p.m.** Questions/Discussion

**2:25 p.m.** Browse Tables

**3:05 p.m.** – Breakouts Sessions – Activity Rooms 1 & 2  
Living Laudato Si' in Our Schools - Peggy Riehl  
Why God Created the Monarch Butterfly – Hal Mann

**4:00 p.m.** – Laudato Si' Reflections - Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

**4:10 p.m.** – Browse Tables/Networking

**5:00 p.m.** – Mass – Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant

### Community Partners with Displays

- Lourdes University Environmental Science dept
- Garden of Life
- Lucas County Soil and Water
- S.A.V.E (Science Alliance for Valuing the Environment)
- Parish/Schools - St. John XXIII, All Saints
- 577 Foundation
- Multi-Faith Grows (40 church gardens)
- Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission
- Nature Conservancy (Green Ribbon Initiative)
- Human Trafficking
- Sacred Grounds - National Wildlife Federation's
- Rain Garden Initiative
- Office for Life and Justice



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# L.I.F.E. Team for Our Schools

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## L.I.F.E. (Learning in a Faith-Filled Environment) Team

- Quarterly meeting for a school representative
- Information shared for school to take back with them
- Opportunity for schools to share their needs with the Catholic Education Department
- 2016-17 theme was *Laudato Si'*
  - Sr. Sharon, Lourdes University with a Summary of *Laudato Si'*
  - Hal Mann-Why God Created the Monarch Butterfly
  - Professor Andy Jorgeson, University of Toledo on Climate Change
  - C.O.P.E. (Cost of Poverty Experience) Project

Google Classroom Created to share resources for teachers to use



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# Google Classroom for Teachers

**Laudato Si**  
The call from Pope Francis to Care for Creation

STREAM STUDENTS ABOUT

**Laudato Si** The call from Pope Francis to Care for Creation

Peggy Riehl

No work due soon

VIEW ALL

TOPICS

No topics

ADD TOPIC

Peggy Riehl  
Feb 24

More resources to check out on taking action on climate change

Link  
<http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/22>

Add class comment...

Peggy Riehl  
Oct 11, 2016

Looking for a way to give a quick explanation to Laudato Si to your students and parents? Here are two links you can use. One is the Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Laudato Si (4:22 min) and the other is an animated letter from Pope Francis (4:55 min). Both are very well done and sanctioned by the USCCB.



**Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Pope Francis' Laudato Si'**

YouTube video 4 minutes

**Laudato Si' animation | CAFOD**

YouTube video 4 minutes



# Google Classroom for Teachers



Peggy Riehl

Apr 3, 2016 (Edited May 26, 2016)

## What is the Catholic Church's view on climate change?

Check out this resource. Who sponsors this site? Do you think it is reliable?

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DONE

5

NOT



Catholic Climate Covenant - Home

<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/>



Catholic Climate Covenant - Who's Under Your Carbon Footprint?

YouTube video 3 minutes



Laudato Si Resource List ssh 021016.docx

Word

Due Apr 4, 2016

## Climate Change sites to teach kids

Which website looks helpful for your class/grade level?

3

DONE

51

NOT DONE



Curriculum

<https://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School/Pathways/Climate-Cha...>



NASA Climate Kids :: Home

<http://climatekids.nasa.gov/>



Page being updated | US EPA


<https://www3.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/index.html>




ENERGY STAR KIDS

[https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids\\_index](https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids_index)

# Google Classroom for Teachers




 **Peggy Riehl**  
Apr 3, 2016


Due Apr 8, 2016

## Poverty in the USA

What do you know about the Catholic Church and Social Justice on issues? Explore this site to learn something new to share with your or school families.








**Our Mission: Break the cycle of poverty by hel**  
<http://www.povertyusa.org/our-mission/>



**Peggy Riehl**  
Apr 5, 2016 (Edited Apr 5, 2016)

What's in your water?

	<b>The Water Project - Safe and Reliable Water Matters</b> <a href="https://thewaterproject.org/">https://thewaterproject.org/</a>
	<b>Water Quality   Lake Erie Waterkeeper</b> <a href="http://www.lakeeriewaterkeeper.org/lake-erie/water-quality/">http://www.lakeeriewaterkeeper.org/lake-erie/water-quality/</a>
	<b>Drop by Drop: A Children's Book   CRS</b> <a href="http://www.crs.org/resource-center/drop-drop-childrens-book">http://www.crs.org/resource-center/drop-drop-childrens-book</a>
	<b>Link</b> <a href="http://www.loyolapress.com/assets/two-feet/drop-by-drop-BLMs.pdf">http://www.loyolapress.com/assets/two-feet/drop-by-drop-BLMs.pdf</a>
	<b>Purifying Water at Home   CSDW.org</b> <a href="http://www.csdw.org/csdw/purifying-water-at-home.shtml">http://www.csdw.org/csdw/purifying-water-at-home.shtml</a>

# Google Classroom for Teachers



Peggy Riehl

Oct 11, 2016 (Edited Oct 27, 2016)



Here are some links to butterfly resources to use with your lesson planning.

Monarch Watch, Journey North, NCEA Monarch Rescue Program

I'm also including the PPT presented by our guest speaker, Hal Mann on Why God Created the Monarch Butterfly.



**Monarch Watch**

<http://monarchwatch.org/>



**Monarch Butterfly Migration | Journey North Citizen Science Project Tracks Spring and ...**

<https://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/>



**404**

<http://www.ncea.org/our-services/ncea-monarch-rescue-schools-program-grant>



**Why God Created.pptx**

PowerPoint



Peggy Riehl

Feb 3



New Gardening Resources with Grant Opportunities

Carton 2 Garden contest due April 12th

Made by Milk- Repurposing milk cartons contest

The third link is Kids Gardening News



**Spring 2017 Contest - Carton 2 Garden**

<http://carton2garden.com/contest-details/spring-2016-contest/>



**School Milk Carton Design Contest | Made by Milk by Evergreen Packaging**

<http://madebymilkcontest.com/>



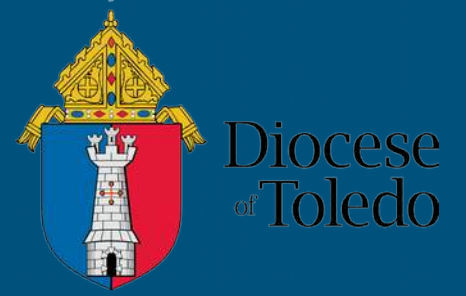
**KidsGarden News – Edition VIII: February 2017**

<http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=0402fab5f893b2de984f70122&id=5c9c70e760&...>



# Care for Our Common Home Conference

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## Getting the word out

- Nuntius-diocesan links for parish bulletins
- Teacher Bulletin and Principal Newsletters (including a Save-the-date in May)
- Attended fall DRE meeting: gave a summary and handed out flyer
- Postcards handed out by Monsignor Borger, Senior Director of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations
- Deacons and religious sisters invited
- Using the *Laudato Si'* Task Force-encourage anyone you know, especially your own pastor

\*\*Anonymous donor sponsored teams of 4 or more to attend the conference



What does the University of Notre Dame, The Ohio State University, Lourdes University, the Diocese of Toledo and the Catholic Climate Covenant have in common?



They are all sending a representative to present at the

**October 4<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Francis,**

**Care for Our Common Home** conference.

Have you signed up a teacher? (This can be your L.I.F.E. representative for your school.) Is your school/parish sending a team? (Groups of 4 get the \$20/person registration fee paid for by a generous donor.)

*Do you have a senior who is looking for a senior project?*

*Do you need someone to lead a green initiative?*

*We have the perfect first step for you.*

Use this link to register and reserve a spot for your school:

<https://goo.gl/forms/C0luAYCm7qbXujQ02>

Here is the link to the diocesan website page about the workshop:

<https://catholiccharitiesno.org/care-for-our-common-home-workshop-oct-4-in-findlay/>

## Save the Date October 4, 2017



### Care for Our Common Home

October 4, 2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm at

St. Michael the Archangel School in Findlay

Living Laudato Si' in our Parishes and Schools  
Tools and resources to start your "Creation Care Teams"

Details to follow



For information: [creationcare@toledodiocese.org](mailto:creationcare@toledodiocese.org)



## CREATION CARE TEAMS FORMING IN THE FALL!

LIVING LAUDATO SI' IN OUR DIOCESE

**PRAY** → POPE FRANCIS: [A Prayer for Our Earth](#)

**ACT** → "Know the Creator through Creation"

Earth Day 2017 programs by grade level and available through the Catholic Climate Covenant  
<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/earthday>

**ADVOCATE** → Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Laudato Si' Task force for a full day workshop on Care for Creation/Care for the Poor on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Francis. Watch for details in the May Teacher Bulletin. Be the one to take the initiative for your school and get a Creation Care Team started. Email me to begin the process.



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With God All Things Are Possible



## "Care for Our Common Home" Workshop Oct. 4 in Findlay

Posted on July 29, 2017

Deborah Boyce

FINDLAY, OH—On St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Wednesday, Oct. 4, join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for a workshop based on Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on ecology and climate change, [Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home](#), from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [St. Michael's the Archangel Parish Activity Center](#), 750 Bright Road, Findlay, OH.

Church leaders, teachers and the public are invited to attend this ["Care for Our Common Home" Workshop](#) to learn how we can live Laudato Si' and fulfill our duty to care for all Creation. In his encyclical, Pope Francis offers a ["A Prayer for Our Earth"](#) and ["A Christian Prayer In Union With Creation,"](#) encouraging us to pray them often.



The [Workshop Agenda](#) brings together speakers and the resources of Catholic Climate Covenant to discuss the need to act, our responsibility to act, as well as provide the needed tools, resources and best practices to help churches, schools and the public form ["Creation Care Teams"](#) in our communities and a [Road Map for Success!](#)

[Speakers](#) include: Jason Cerveneck, Director for the Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, OSU; Sr. Sharon Havelak, St. Francis of Sylvania & Lourdes University; Fr. Charles Ritter, Senior Status Priest Diocese of Toledo; and Justin Kale, Co-Owner of Energility.

Following lunch, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas leads off the afternoon session directed to priests, deacons and other faith leaders on homiletics and practical pastoral resources by Fr. Michael Connors, CSC, ThD, Director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics, University of Notre Dame.

Cost is \$20 for individuals pre-registered by Sept. 27 or \$25 at the door. For more information or to register, call Nick Lyster, Catholic Charities Justice Ministries Coordinator at 419.214.4958 or email [nlyster@toledodioese.org](mailto:nlyster@toledodioese.org).

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# Results of Conference

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153 People attended

- Represented all 19 counties of the Diocese
- 30 Deacons and priests
- 61 teachers
- 96 attended as part of a team

Surveyed the group-60 replies

- 26 interested in forming Creation Care Teams
- 17 interested in an energy audit



# What's next?

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Diocesan goal to have a Creation Care Team at each Deanery → Parish/school

## L.I.F.E. Meetings

Teacher networking to develop Catholic Identity in our schools  
using *Laudato Si'* as our common thread

Gardens for food bank or nature

Recycling initiatives (more than paper and plastics)

Help the hungry

Creation Care Teams



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# Questions ?



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