



Catholic Climate Covenant is happy to announce that from **May 22-29** the global Catholic Church will gather to celebrate **Laudato Si' Week 2022** together. The weeklong global event will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of God's creation.

"Listening and walking together" is the theme this year, along with the quote, "Bringing the whole human family together to protect our common home" (LS 13). It will be a festive week, showing the world how much the Church has changed in these seven years and inspiring millions of Catholics around the world.

You can join in the celebration by visiting the <u>Laudato Si'</u>
<u>Week website and registering</u> to follow along all the daily global events planned, starting with an <u>opening ceremony</u> on Sunday, May 22 at 6 a.m. Eastern time (Noon Rome time.) If your community is planning an event for this important celebration, don't forget to register it <u>here</u>.

Laudato Si' Week programming will focus on the 7 <u>Laudato Si' Goals</u>, presenting one of them each day and enriching the conversation with online and offline activities as well as resources for prayer, study and action. The events will lift up Catholic teaching on biodiversity, responding to the cry of the poor, divestment, education, and eco-spirituality. Locally, thousands of events will bring the message of Laudato Si' to everyday Catholics, helping bring this global celebration to life and changing countless communities around the world.

 As part of the Laudato Si' Week celebration, Catholic Climate Covenant is hosting an online discussion on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm Eastern (10 am Pacific) to spotlight U.S. diocesan efforts to uplift Laudato Si', inspiring other U.S. dioceses in their own work. <u>Register here!</u>

During Laudato Si' Week, Catholics can rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and intensify our efforts through the Vatican's new Laudato Si' Action Platform, which is empowering Catholic institutions, communities, and families to fully implement Laudato Si'. Visit <a href="https://www.godsplanet.us">www.godsplanet.us</a> to see and be part of the U.S. Catholic efforts to engage with the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

The deadline for the first cycle of registrations to the Laudato Si 'Platform has been extended to October 4, 2022, the day dedicated to St. Francis, which will kick off the 40 days of prayer in the "Season of Creation". On November 14, 2022, the World Day of the Poor, registrations for the second cycle will begin.

Laudato Si' Week 2022 is sponsored by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and facilitated by Laudato Si' Movement in collaboration with a cohort of Catholic partners.