

Online Resources for animating and teaching about Laudato Si -On Care for Our Common Home.

Recommended by the Archdiocesan Laudato Si Task Force and Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Mission Animation Office, for catechists, teachers and other lay leaders. **These follow the approximate order they are shown in the slides.**

MACC Bookstore sells copies of the Encyclical. \$13.95

General Introductory information:

Our Sunday Visitor has a very good **pamphlet**. It is so well written that it could serve you as the outline of a refresher of my presentation or your presentation to parents or a parish council, etc. Obtain a copy from our Task Force to read before purchasing quantities OR, go to their website and read a PDF of the pamphlet (or print a single copy to read offline) before deciding to purchase. 50 copy packets sell for \$20. <https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=P1747> This could provide a copy (and an overview to all of your parish leaders.

Internet Resources:

YouTube videos. Listed in order of brevity. (more or less)

Vatican Video to introduce the Encyclical [Vatican introduction to Laudato Si](#) . We listen to music and read the text first in Italian, then in English, then in Spanish. The pace is meditative. Inspirational as well as informative.

Jesuit video called “Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Pope Francis’ Laudato Si” [Fr. James Martin sj Top 10 Things to Know About Laudato Si](#) .

CAFOD has a cartoon intro. for adults and one for children. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development of England and Wales. Adults: [CAFOD intro to Laudato Si](#) kids: [CAFOD explains Laudato Si to children](#)

Movie-length video: Before the Flood. By National Geographic. Leonardo DiCaprio’s 3 yr journey to travel the globe and learn about Climate Change. **At the end of the movie, he meets Pope Francis.**

Official Trailer on YouTube: [BeforeTheFlood Official Trailer](#) . The trailer says it was to be released FREE on many sites like YouTube, iTunes, FaceBook etc. but I did not find links to good quality versions with good audio. Here is the best one: [Before The Flood full movie](#) which says it was uploaded by “JsHg Ge. Headwaters at Incarnate Word has a copy that can be **loaned out for church viewing**. Contact Pam Ball Pamela Ball Pamela.Ball@amormeus.org .

Catholic Climate Covenant. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/> This is my go-to website over all for general resources. There is a bit of everything, for every age and every setting, so take some time to explore this website and get email updates if you want to know everytime they produce something new. It is currently all free, so it is a good group to donate to!! **SPECIAL NOTE** – This site has links to many of my other favorite resources. They have Resources for: study, prayer and worship, organizing parish

Green teams, special days like Earth Day and Feast of St. Francis, advocacy to guide us to vote our Catholic Social Teaching. Also, inspiring examples from other parishes and places around the world.

A more extensive study through Video

Fr. Dan Horan OFM has an excellent youtube series of 14 segments for group study. Each is 15 minutes long. Here is the introduction: [Fr. Dan Horan OFM series](#)

Catechetical materials (not free) from The Pastoral Center <https://pastoral.center> This website says it was formerly called "Pastoral Planning". Click on the tab called TOPIC, and then on the left, choose CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME.

Joe Paprocki's Catechist's Journey <https://pastoral.center> Right on his front page is a section called Teaching Care for Creation.

Author Anne Neuberger is featured on many above sites. She has her own site with her own materials <https://anneneuberger.com/> On the right hand side she has a tab called "Laudato Si and Me" with a lovely intro and links to her **free** resources, called Creation Care Kids. Note: her focus is the lower grades, starting with Kinder.

WHAT ARE OTHER ARCHDIOCESES DOING? Check this one out for Hartford CT to see how the Archdiocese and Catholic schools worked together. <https://www.catholictranscript.org/slider/5065-catholic-school-kids-complete-the-laudato-si-challenge.html>. Here is the office that organized it. <http://catholicedaohct.org/about/laudato-si-praised-be> It has all the steps they took; it's like a plan that could be copied and duplicated here! (with thanks to them of course).

Children's books are important. "Green Street Park" from USCCB was advertised on many sites, but Loyola Press has it in bulk packets AND with a study guide. Our task force can lend you a copy. <https://www.loyolapress.com/products/books/childrens/two-feet-of-love-in-action-green-street-park>

Need something short for a devotional- high school and up, or for your group of catechists, or for yourself? Check out these short reflections by Jesuit Fr. Tom Reese sj [Fr Tom Reese sj Northeast Province Reflections on LS](#)

High School teacher not teaching Religion? The Carmelites have a curriculum that incorporates LS into all classes! http://carmelitengo.org/carm_focuses/education/index.php **Creation Care-CRS**

CRS has a bit of everything-intros, videos, curriculums, worship resources, etc., and links. Excellent.

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Resource: Discover Your Neighbor www.DiscoverYourNeighbor.org

This free educator's resource emphasizes what Pope Francis frames as the primary task of missionary disciples: encounter with, love of and service to the poor, vulnerable, and excluded. **The focus: to enhance the religion curriculum by making theological principles more meaningful for students and creating a missionary/evangelizing culture.** We can visit you to assist in understanding and using this resource!