

CaFE Film: GLOBAL HEALING 'Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home'

Questions from the film to ponder, pray about and act upon:

How do you experience the gift of creation?

How do you feel about the state of our planet?

How are you challenged by ecological conversion & how has the film changed you?

How can you help heal the planet?

e.g. recycle & repurpose; reduce single-use plastics; reduce carbon footprint with renewable, clean, energy or offset; support biodiversity [end damaging pesticide/chemical use, plant some natives]; compost; support companies divesting from fossil fuels & those using sustainable practices etc.

How can you purchase responsibly?

Do you only consume what you need?

How can you use your political voice?

What can you do to educate yourself more?

How can we respond as a parish?

A few striking quotes from the Film:

"We really can get into a way of thinking that the things we do, don't ultimately make any difference. Pope Francis' principle is: Nothing is too insignificant to be worth the effort."

Dr Carmody Grey, Durham University

"The Pope talks of a throwaway culture. The planet is being squeezed dry beyond every limit."

"The earth, our home, is beginning to look ... like an immense pile of filth."

"The Pope is talking about a new spirituality and that's extraordinary"

"If you begin to love creation you begin to use it in a different way"

Fr Sean McDonagh, Eco theologian, Ireland

"How do we respond practically? Well everybody has different challenges in their own life. For some people for instance, it may be easy to eat less meat, for others it may be easy to turn the heating [cooling] down. It depends which context you're in...If you're aware of it all the time, if you're thinking of what you're trying to do, then you'll be moving in the right direction."

Sr Margaret Atkins OSA Eco-authorCumbria

"The Pope is calling each and every single one of us to undergo an ecological conversion, a radical change of heart"

John Bosco, presenter

"The Creator does not abandon us: he never forsakes his loving plan. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home"

Pope Francis LS 13

Useful Links:

Catholic Faith Exploration: www.ourcommonhome.co.uk

Parish Care for Creation social media

website: <https://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjosephscareforcreation

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/careforcreation4017>

Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home):

https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home) (Arabic translation):

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