

Voices of Laudato Si'

— multimedia assignment celebrating Care for Creation —

Submission Deadline Extended. See page 2 for details.

“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together for we know that things can change.”

-Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 13

Facing a time of change, with the onset of COVID-19, the Catholic Diocese of Columbus invites you to reflect on your place within “the whole human family” and encourages you to act in the face of the current ecological catastrophe occurring within our common home. With this in mind, we ask our teachers to encourage their students to reflect on “what *Laudato Si'* means to them...” by creating an original video, piece of artwork, or writing supplement.

Creation care is our shared responsibility and is relevant in every content area in the school curriculum. In this project, teachers are encouraged to infuse the learning outcomes in your subject area, whether that's literature, science, social studies, health, religion, or others, with the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* On Care for Our Common Home. This year marks the 5th anniversary of the encyclical letter written for every person on the planet. In this assignment students will express their perspectives about care for creation by submitting videos, artwork, or writing. With your support and guidance, students may better understand integral ecology — caring for one another and caring for creation. For supplemental resources related to *Laudato Si'* visit, www.columbuscatholic.org/care-for-creation.

Thoughtful Questions

The diocesan Creation Care Team sees the sweeping culture of social distancing and remote learning as an opportunity for us to support one another and connect with our communities in creative ways. Below are some questions posed in the encyclical *Laudato Si'* that await your unique answers in response to **What does *Laudato Si'* mean to you?**

- What is happening to our common home?
- What does a new lifestyle look like confronting the ecological crisis?
- How can we have an open dialogue within our communities to shape our future?
- How do you respond to the ecological crisis (integral ecology — Care for Creation and Care for the Poor) in creative ways?
- What kind of world do we want to leave for those who will come after us... to children who are growing up?

Multimedia Assignment

1. Format and Content

Students can choose one of the following formats for the assignment.

- a. Up to 30-seconds video
 - 1. A portrait video of verbal reflection
 - 2. A video of the embodiment of *Laudato Si'* (e.g. environmental and social justice: video clip of birds flying, the sun rising, helping the poor, etc.)
 - 3. An excerpt (up to 30 seconds) of a musical composition
- b. Artistic images
 - i. Painting, drawing, sketches
 - ii. Photography
- c. Writing
 - i. Poetry, paragraph-long micro essay, a short statement
 - ii. We recommend one paragraph to a page in length

2. Submission guidelines

- a. Submission file format for students:
 - i. Title the submission: **name_grade_class subject_teacher's last name**
 - ii. All videos are accepted in MOV or MP4
 - iii. All images are accepted in JPEG and PNG formats
 - iv. All written expressions are accepted in PDF or word files
 - v. Teachers need to make sure students have signed a media consent form before uploading final submissions to the Diocese
 - vi. **Suggested deadline for students to submit projects to teachers is Friday, April 24, 2020.**
- b. Submissions by Teachers via GoogleDrive
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xesyhNIRsqg0-h6QTrill66Lq1rxVNPn?usp=sharing>
 - i. Teachers should **create a folder** within the shared folder 'Voices of Laudato Si'' (found in the link)
 - 1. Created folders should be titled **grade_teacher's last name_class subject_school**
 - 2. Teachers should put all students' submissions into their created folder
 - ii. **Teachers should submit their students' responses** to their created folder in the 'Voices of Laudato Si'' shared folder by ~~April 22, 2020 at 11:59 pm~~ **Deadline Extended: by April 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm.**
- c. For teachers with assignment questions or technical issues, please email iborgert@columbuscatholic.org & ehu@columbuscatholic.org.

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