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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary

Date: July 7, 2020

Subject: Letter of His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson on the Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year, May 24, 2020 – May 24, 2021

Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to convey to you the attached letter of His Eminence Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and of Monsignor Bruno-Marie Duffé, Secretary, by which they convey the program for the celebration of a Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year from May 24, 2020, to May 24, 2021, to mark the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

I also take this opportunity to share with you the Summary of Activities of the U.S. Church in Response to *Laudato Si'* to highlight the initiatives of the USCCB in this same regard.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.



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DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

Prot. N. 867/2020

Vatican City, June 25, 2020

Your Eminence, Your Excellency,
Most Reverend Mother, Most Reverend Father,
Esteemed Heads of Episcopal Commissions, religious Congregations,
Esteemed Teachers and Managers in the educational and associative sector,
Esteemed Leaders in business and agriculture,
Dear Sister, dear Brother,

On 24 May 2020, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis announced a Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year which runs from 24 May this year until 24 May next year. The Holy Father invited "all people of good will to adhere to it, to take care of our common home and our more fragile brothers and sisters". We are pleased to bring to your kind attention the program drawn up by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development for the celebration of this special anniversary year. This program is available in various languages on the Dicastery's website and on the website dedicated to the Laudato Si' Anniversary Year (www.laudatosiyear.org). It is an open-ended program that will be constantly updated. We also plan to consolidate our collaboration with various partners in order to realize this program.

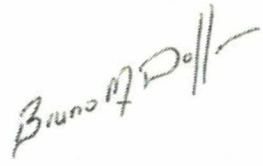
Further information can be requested by email: laudatosi@humandevlopment.va

It is wonderful to see that there are so many beautiful initiatives springing up around the world in response to Pope Francis' invitation. We hope that our program will be at the service of these initiatives, and may help in networking them and offering them greater visibility.

We ask you to kindly help us to make this program better known in all our communities.

Praying to the Almighty Creator to bless you and accompany you, we take the occasion to confirm our closeness and availability.


Card. Peter K.A. Turkson
Prefect


Mons. Bruno-Marie Duffé
Secretary

To the courteous attention of regional and national Episcopal Conferences, Episcopal Commissions, Apostolic Nunciatures, Religious Congregations, Caritas, Centers for the Study of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Catholic Universities and Schools, Unions of Catholic Entrepreneurs and Farmers, projects that identify with integral ecology as promoted by the encyclical *Laudato si'*.