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# Laudato Si' Week 2021 - Concept Note and Official Program

16 - 25, May 2021

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## Context

On 16 May 2020, Pope Francis and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development launched both Laudato Si' Week and the subsequent Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year to celebrate the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical.

Building on the [success of the 2020 edition](#) of Laudato Si' Week, this new edition<sup>1</sup> will be a **celebration** of the closing of the LS Special Anniversary Year to show just how much things have changed for good. In the last six years, the Church and Catholics worldwide have made significant progress in their ecological conversion journey. We know that much remains to be done, but we **rejoice** and **celebrate** how much has happened so far.

**Now, at this pivotal point** to which the COVID-19 pandemic has brought us, it is time to offer a **clear roadmap for the decade ahead** - a message reinforced by the creation of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission. At the end of the LS Special Anniversary Year, we will present to the whole Church the living testimony of the Laudato Si' transformations so far, and we will offer a preview of the tool that will help everyone in the next steps of their journey: the **Laudato Si' Action Platform**.

## Why is it important?

- To celebrate the sixth anniversary of the encyclical within the framework of the closing of the **LS Special Anniversary Year**. At the same time, it will provide an opportunity to do a **“soft launch” of the Laudato Si' Action Platform** (ahead of the major launch on October 4) that will be accessed [through the Vatican's official Laudato Si' website: www.laudatosi.va](#).
- To **bring key ecclesial partners together** through different actions, events, and to further spread the “Gospel of Creation” through a missionary-like sending.
- To invoke the **Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary's intercession** over Catholic efforts to care for creation and to involve contemplative orders to pray for it.

## Who will organize it?

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<sup>1</sup> Earlier editions took place in 2016 and 2020, to celebrate the 1st and 5th anniversaries. The goal isn't to organize the LS Week on an annual basis, but just on special occasions.



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Similar to the successful [2020 edition](#) of Laudato Si' Week, it is proposed that the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development serve as the main sponsor of the celebration, with Global Catholic Climate Movement serving as the facilitator of a group of over 150 Catholic partners participating in the initiative. The Dicastery's Ecology and Creation sector and GCCM will create the program and speakers list, and GCCM will take care of all logistical needs.

## How will it work?

Laudato Si' Week will be a week of celebration, action, and testimony. Replicating the successful format of the 2020 edition, the program will have two tracks: the **official program** and decentralized **side events**.

## Official Program:

**All the events will be simultaneously translated to English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Polish and French.**

Sunday, 16 May. 12 PM CET Papal Angelus remarks

It is proposed that Pope Francis' Angelus remarks include a reference to the opening of LS Week the following day and the overall LS Special Anniversary Year that is coming to an end.

Monday, 17 May. 7 PM CET Laudato Si Dialogue: Critical Opportunities in 2021 to create change: call for an integral path.

**Sponsored by: CIDSE, CAFOD and GCCM**

**Outline: 90 minutes**

**Language: English**

*Highlight the political opportunities in 2021 to create change, the essential relevance and inspiration of the Encyclical letter Laudato Si' and a Catholic voice on preparations for UN's CBD COP15 summit on biodiversity as well as the COP26 climate summit as we continue the COVID pandemic response, stressing the 1.5C call.*



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#### Participants:

- Moderator: **Christine Allen**, CAFOD Director
- Representative from the Dicastery, **Fr Augusto Zampini** (focus on LS messages and unified and bold Catholic voice for 2021 political debate)
- Representative from COICA (Amazonia), **José Gregorio Díaz Mirabal** (focus on indigenous peoples' rights and nature rights)
- Global Youth movement representative, **Ditebogo Lebea**, Climate Activist and Youth Programmes Associate at South African Institute of International Affairs (focus on ambition from youth perspective, intergenerational justice)

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Tuesday, 18 May. 2 PM CET Laudato Si Dialogue on Education

**Outline: 90 minutes**

**Language: English**

During the Laudato Si' Dialogue on Education, we'll highlight universities and institutions around the world that have made Laudato Si' an integral part of their curricula and that are using Pope Francis' encyclical to educate the whole person.



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Leaders from renowned institutions across the globe will share practical experiences about how they use Laudato Si' to inspire students, and they'll offer tips to other institutional leaders seeking to do the same in their part of the world.

- **Moderator: Amy Echeverria** (Columban Missionaries)
- **Jacqui Remond**, LISTEN (Australia)
- **S  verine Deneulin**, Laudato Si' Research Institute, University of Oxford (UK)
- **Margaret Pfeil**, Associate Teaching Professor, University of Notre Dame (US)
- **Adri  n Beling**, Director of the Higher Diploma in Integral Ecology, University Network for the Care of the Common Home (Argentina)
- **Alberto L  pez Rosado**, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria Madrid (Spain)
- **Diego Solano**, RENOVA+ (Argentina) - 5 minutes pre-recorded speech.

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Wednesday, 19 May. 3 PM CET Laudato Si Dialogue on Economy, Fossil Fuels and Human Rights

**Outline: 90 minutes**

**Language: English**



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An online dialogue to raise awareness about the role of energy and fossil fuels in the crisis of our common home, including [health impacts](#), while bringing attention to the [Vatican's divestment guidelines](#) and the largest faith and Catholic divestment [commitment](#) to date. The panel will encourage the audience to consider the importance of ethical investment guidelines and invite them to join LSAP to guide their path.

- Moderator: **Lindlyn Moma**, Director of Advocacy for the Global Catholic Climate Movement
- **His Eminence Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich**, President of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union (COMECE)
- **Bill McKibben**, Senior Advisor and Co-Founder at 350.org
- **Johan Viljoen**, Director at Denis Hurley Peace Institute/SACBC
- **Jeni Miller**, Executive Director at Global Health and Climate Alliance

#### Concept

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Thursday, 20 May. 3 PM CET Sowing Hope for the Planet / Creation Care Prayer Network.



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**Organised by:** JPIC UISG-USG

**Outline:** 90 minutes

**Language:** English

Eco-spirituality brings hope to a troubled world. Please join us for an opportunity to share in the fruitfulness of the work of **Sowing Hope for the Planet**. In this session, we will journey with men and women religious engaged in promoting Laudato Si'. We will celebrate stories of ecological conversion, both personal and communal. Examples of integrating conscious prayer and sacred action will be shared.

During the event, the [Creation Care Prayer Network](#) will be presented and promoted.

- Moderators: **Sheila Kinsey**, FCJM and **Alberto Parise**, MCCJ
- **Sr. Jyotisha Kannamkal**, SND (India)
- **Sr Leetta Hammock**, SSND (Paraguay)
- **Sr. Beatrice Hernandez**, OSF (USA)
- **Fr. Edwin Borlasa**, MSC, (Philippines)
- **Christina Leaño**, Global Catholic Climate Movement (USA)

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Friday, 21 May. Global Action Day for Our Common Home



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A global call for individuals, communities, and institutions worldwide are invited to organise a concrete action to care for our common home.

As in previous editions, the format is flexible, allowing all kind of actions, ranging from sustainability initiatives to educational events and prayer gatherings. At the same time, there will be a special focus on advocacy efforts targeting the COPs and tie with fossil fuels.

A guide with event ideas will be developed, and events will be registered and showcased on the Laudato Si Week webpage in a decentralised format.

Saturday, 22 May. 7 PM CET Laudato Si Festival “Songs for creation”.

**Outline: 90 minutes**

**Language: Spanish, English**

The cultural festival “**Songs for Creation**” will present biodiversity lost in the world and its consequences, focusing on the **biodiversity problems** in the artists’ and musicians’ regions.

Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realise that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality. Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality (LS #63)

During the event, the **Vatican’s message for World Biodiversity Day will be spotlighted, the winners of the photo contest [Laudato Si Moment](#) will be announced, and winners of the [Laudato Si Story Contest](#) will be presented.**

- **Moderator: Lucia Capuzzi, Avvenire**

**Artists and guests:**

- Msgr. **Bruno Marie Duffé**. Secretary at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.
- **Fr. Augusto Zampini**, Adjunct Secretary at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- **Tomás Insua**, GCCM’s Executive Director
- **Steven [Kezanutima](#)** (Africa)





- **Luca Terrana** (Italy)
- **AAIRA** (Spain)
- **Migueli Marin** (Spain - Italy)
- **Gen Verde** (International)
- **Sandesh Manuel** (India / Austria)
- **Filocalia** (Argentina)
- Avant-première of the short film **Last of my Kind** produced by Off the Fence, Oscar's winners for My Octopus Teacher. Live dialogue with **Nicolas Brown**, film's producer.
- **Mauricio López** from CELAM and CEAMA (ex REPAM)
- **Father Victor Moreno** (Colombia) from Laudato Si Story Contest.

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Sunday, 23 May

12 PM CET Papal Angelus remarks

It is proposed that Pope Francis' Angelus remarks include a reference to the LS Week asking for the Holy Spirit to descend over the Laudato Si Animators and other pastoral agents who work to announce the "gospel of creation" and take care of our common home.



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3 PM CET (Pentecost). Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year Closing Praying Gathering /  
Missionary Sending

**Outline: 60 minutes**

**Language: English**

It is proposed that **Pope Francis' Angelus** remarks include a reference to the closing of the LS Week and LS Year, calling on the Holy Spirit to guide the Church's efforts to care for our common home.

Taking advantage of the date's providential Pentecost timing, we will celebrate a closing **Praying Gathering from Assisi and Rome** to express our gratitude to God our Creator and ask for assistance in the work to come. On this feast of Pentecost, in which we also celebrate the beginning of the Church, we want to make a missionary-like sending of local Laudato Si' Animators and other pastoral agents, so that they may go and announce "the Gospel of Creation" (LS chapter 2) in every corner of the globe. Given the evangelisation theme, **the celebration will be led by Cardinal Tagle.**

- Moderator:
- **His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle**, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.
- **Msgr. Domenico Sorrentino**, Bishop of Assisi-Nocera Umbra-Gualdo Tadino

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Monday, 24 May 11:30 AM CET. Roundtable about WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) in Catholic health care facilities

**Organised by:** Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

**Outline:** 75 minutes

**Language:** English with translations into Italian, Portuguese, Spanish

Following the publication of [the document \*Aqua fons vitae\*](#) and [the press release of March 21<sup>st</sup>](#), the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is pleased to provide an update on its WASH project (access to drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) in a selected number of health care facilities belonging to the Catholic Church.

**Speakers and moderator:**

- His Eminence **Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson**, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- His Excellency **Damiano Guzzetti**, Bishop [of Moroto in Uganda](#) (one of the Dioceses involved in the WASH project)
- **Sister Adela Orea**, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (one of the Congregations involved in the WASH project), Administrator of the [San Carlos Hospital](#) in Altamirano Chiapas, Mexico
- **Dr. Giulia Amerio**, paediatrician, [Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII](#), Facilitator of the [Health Thematic Group of the Forum of Catholic inspired NGOs](#)
- **Sr. Liberty “Beth” Elarmo**, member of the General Council of the Sisters Ministers of the Infirm of St. Camillo de Lellis (one of the Congregations involved in the WASH project)
- **Miss Lindsay Deny**, Health Adviser at GlobalWater 2020
- **Mr. David Douglas**, Founder of [the non-profit Waterlines](#) and Principal of GlobalWater 2020
- **Mr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra**, Official of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, “Ecology and Creation” Desk.

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Tuesday, 25 May: Official Launching of the Laudato SI Action Platform

**Organised by:** Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

**Outline:** 60 minutes

**Language:** Italian/English **with translations.**

## Side events

As in past LSW editions, an online platform and resources will be offered to facilitate the participation of key partners and institutions.

All the global events will have a local or regional side where the institutions can be involved, but they can organise their events too, such as webinars, prayer gatherings, etc., and showcase them on the LSW website and social media.

People can register their events at: <https://laudatosiweek.org/events/>

## Media Resources

- To promote Photo Contest, there is a [Social Media Kit](#) available in different languages.
- To promote Laudato Si Week, there is a [Social Media Kit](#) available in different languages.
- Template Press Release available in [Italian](#), [English](#) and [Spanish](#)