



STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH *All of God's Creation*

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Laudato Si' - Praised Be

These words are taken from the Canticum of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi where he praises God through creation. They are also the title of **Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter written in 2015**. In his letter, Pope Francis draws inspiration from St. Francis. "He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." *Laudato Si'* 10

Today, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. It is a special time of global celebration, prayer, and commitment to ecological conversion. Watch the Prayer for Our Earth video [here](#). **The next chapter of *Laudato Si'* begins with us.**

Though there is much work to do, it is important to celebrate the GOOD NEWS, however big or little. "The Lord rejoices in all his works" (Ps 104:31).

Human Trafficking

"A bipartisan federal bill has passed in both the House and Senate. **TAKE IT DOWN - H.R. 633** will require covered platforms (websites, online services, online apps, or mobile apps) to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions that are placed and disseminated online, including Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), within 48 hours of notification. The legislation would also make it a federal crime to upload non-consensual sexually explicit material." (*SSJ Center for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation*, 5/9/25) *Laudato Si'!!*

Clean Energy

Even in the face of opposition, "clean energy continues to make strides across the country. In March 2025, renewable energy provided more electricity to the U.S. grid than fossil fuels for the first time ever. **During that month, clean energy provided 51% of U.S. electricity, compared to fossil fuels' 49%.** This is a major milestone for clean energy in the U.S...." (*League of Conservation Voters Team*, 5/10/25) *Laudato Si'!!*

Biodiversity

"We've all seen enough sea turtles being choked by plastic bags, or fish filling their stomachs with plastic nurdle pellets. It's clear that wildlife and plastic waste just don't mix. Environmental Action ... joined with national allies [including PIRG and Oceana] to tell Amazon that our package deliveries shouldn't put animals' lives on the line.

And Amazon ... listened. In 2024, they committed to phase out single-use air pillows in all their North America operations ([ref](#)). That means billions fewer pieces of plastic out in the environment, and countless animal lives saved." (*Environmental Action*, 12/14/24). *Laudato Si'!!*

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." *Laudato Si'* 244