



## LAUDATO SI - Third Anniversary



*"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"* – *"Praise be to you, my Lord"*. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". . . (Opening statement from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si\_Care for Our Common Home*.)

This month marks the third anniversary of Pope Francis' remarkable encyclical in which he called on all of humanity to change how we care for the Earth. To learn more about Catholic teaching and the environment please visit the Catholic Climate Covenant website: [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/OurStory](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/OurStory)

In 2006 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) helped form Catholic Climate Covenant. With the approval and support of the USCCB, Catholic Climate Covenant helps guide the US Church's response to the moral call for action on climate change by sharing authentic Catholic teaching on creation and the poor.

## Asylum and Family Separation: A Statement from Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

June 13, 2018

Fort Lauderdale, FL - "At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life. The Attorney General's recent decision elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection. These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence. Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life.

"Additionally, I join Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB's Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration's zero tolerance policy. Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral."

- (<http://usccb.org/news/2018/18-098.cfm>)

## Faith Formation Opportunity!

English Scripture Study of the 3 Letters of John, facilitated by Dn. Joe Oberting  
6/25, 7/9, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27 from 6:30-8pm at St John the Baptist Catholic Church  
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