

British Jesuit Pastoral Conference, Swanwick 2017

Making Laudato Si Our Mission



*Pope Francis asks us to pray for
creation on 1st September*

*Watch this short film produced by
the Pope's Prayer Network:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19v0A19DDXs>



Imaginative Contemplation using the image of the three Divine Persons looking at, gazing on the world.

- *God looking at the earth. What does he see?*
- *Imagine the Oceans, forests, mountains, plants, animals*
- *Imagine the great variety of people living in our planet. Call to mind the places where they live*
- *As the Trinity looks upon this common home which they created, what do they see? How do they react to what they see?*

Workshops Overview

Part A 11.00 – 12.15	Digesting <i>Laudato Si'</i>
Part B 14.00 – 15.15	Proclaiming <i>Laudato Si'</i>
Part C 16.00- 17.00	Living out <i>Laudato Si'</i>

Watch James Martin's summary of Laudato Si'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_lqFTYLc_4

James Martin's summary of Laudato Si'

What stands out for you?

Did it get across the main themes?

Is there anything you would want to add?

The Laudato Si vision – Reimagining our RELATIONSHIP with creation

- ❖ The Reality – Everything is related
- ❖ The Challenge – There has been a breakdown in relationships
- ❖ The Response – An Ecological Conversion

The Reality – Everything is related

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

LS, §92



The Challenge - There has been a breakdown in relationships

The omnipresent technocratic paradigm and the cult of unlimited human power [results in the] the rise of a relativism which sees everything as irrelevant unless it serves one's own immediate interests ... leading to environmental degradation and social decay.

LS, §122



Required Response – An Ecological Conversion

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

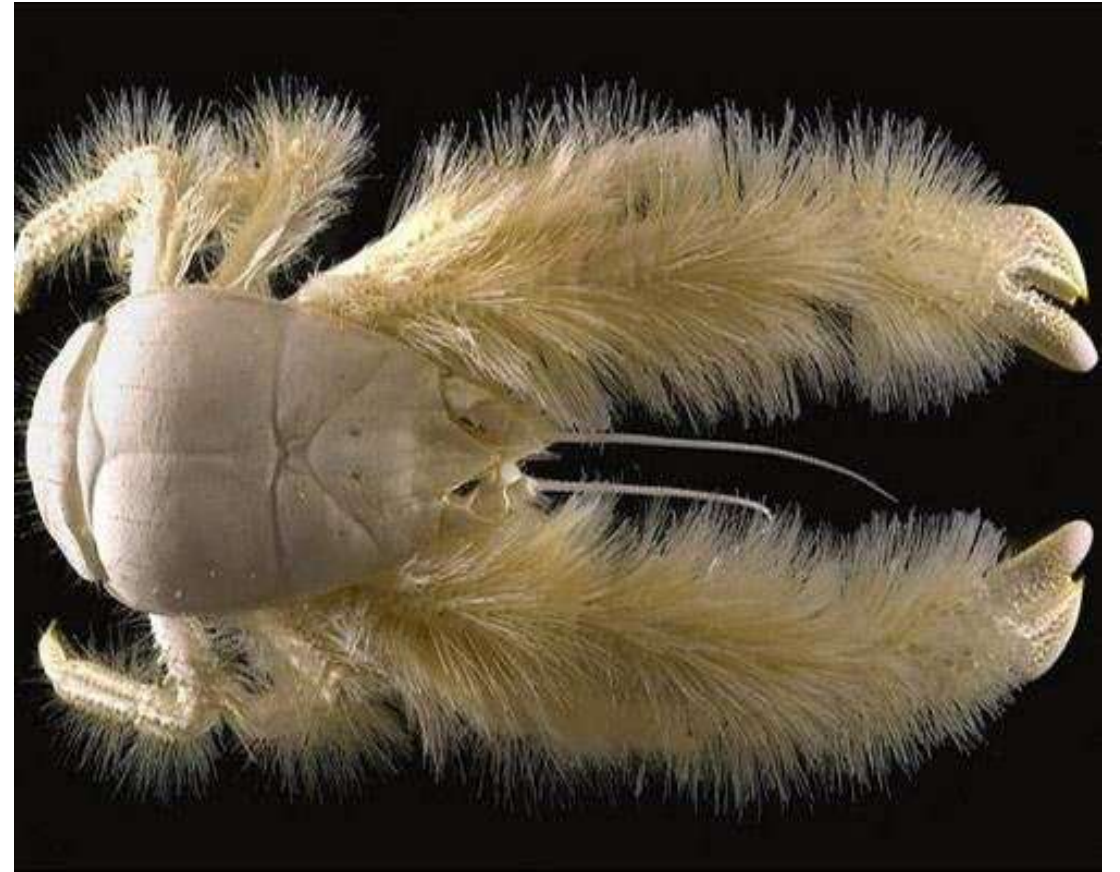
LS, §217



(1) Ecological Conversion & Intrinsic Value

It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever.

LS, §33



Ecological Conversion & Intrinsic Value

"To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope."

LS, §85



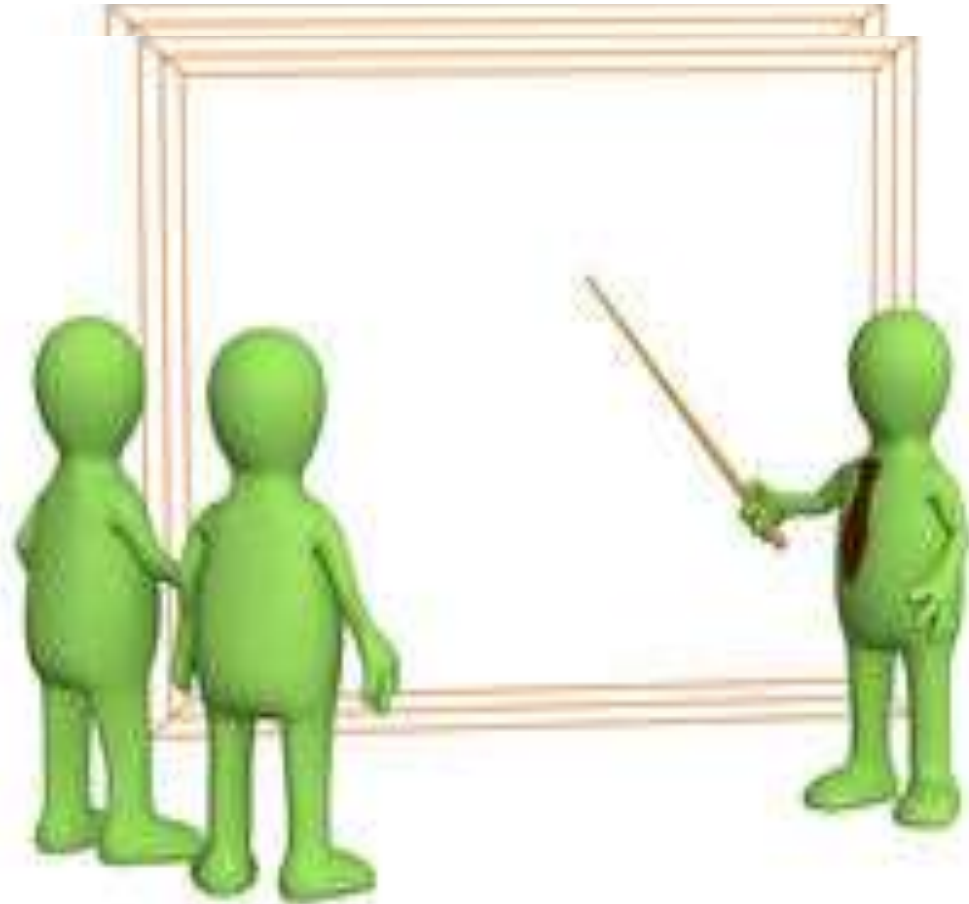
(2) Ecological Conversion: Joining Social & Ecological Concerns

Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.



LS, §49

Proclaiming: How do we communicate Laudato Si'?



Ecological conversion – A personal affective journey



*Do you have your own
"ecological conversion"
story?*

*What is the Jesuit or
"Ignatian" contribution to
proclaiming Laudato Si?*

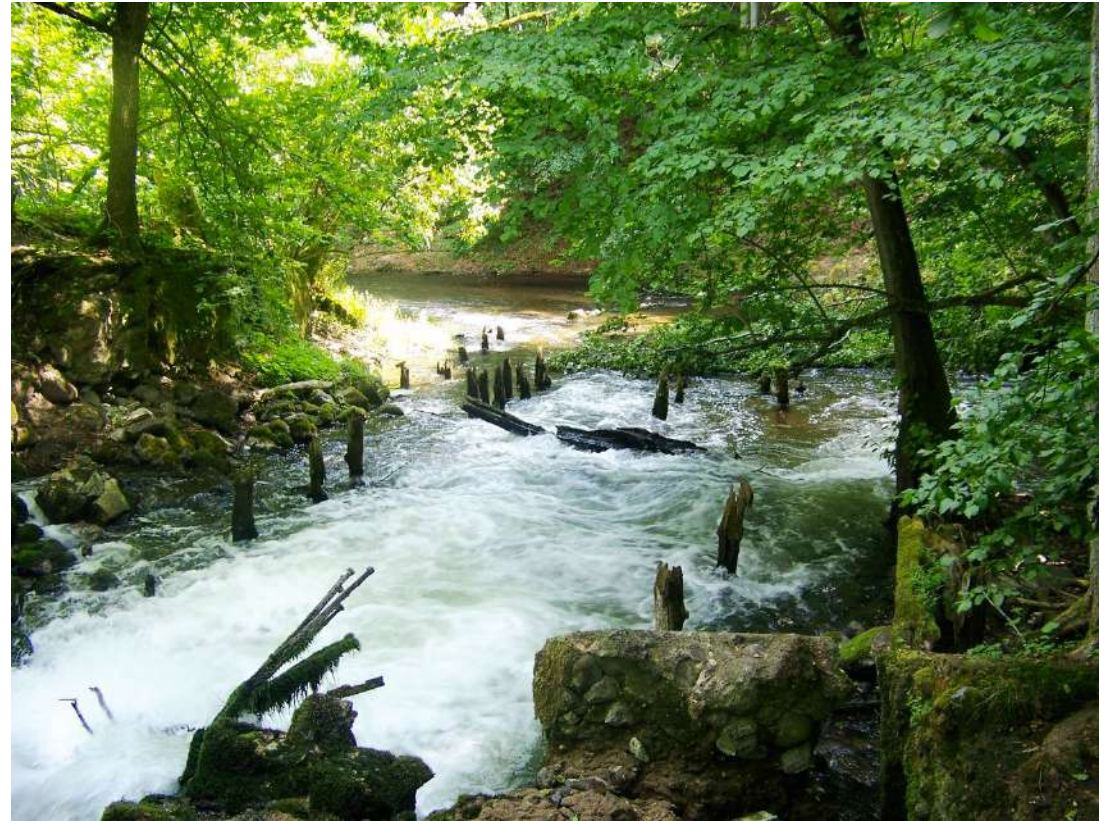
*What about the Spiritual
Exercises?*

Laudato Si' and the Spiritual Exercises

A few brief thoughts ...

*Principle and
Foundation*

Creation as resource
but also avenue



Laudato Si' and the Spiritual Exercises

A few brief thoughts ...

Meditation on Nativity

The place of the
Incarnation is creation.



Laudato Si' and the Spiritual Exercises

A few brief thoughts ...

Two Standards

A call to living simply?



Laudato Si' and the Spiritual Exercises

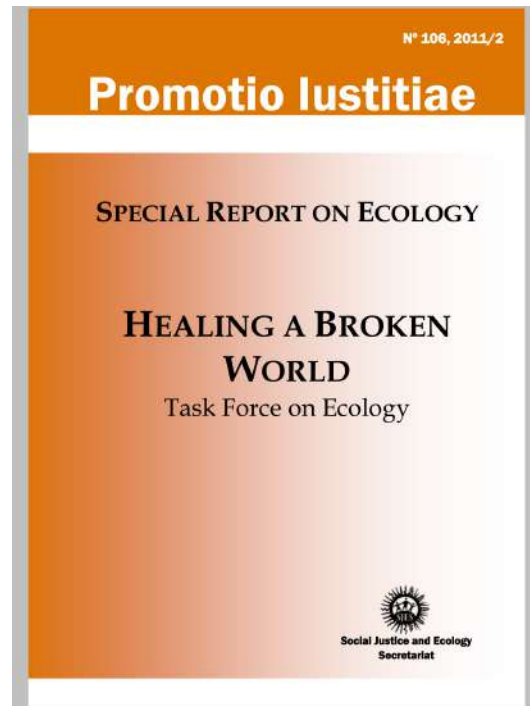
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Contemplation to
Attain Divine Love

God dwells and
labours in creation



Laudato Si' and the Society of Jesus



See

3.1 We live in a world of turmoil

3.2 Regional assessments

3.3 The role of science and technology

3.4 Present global tendencies

Judge

4.1 Care for creation: a new dimension in Jesuit mission

4.2 & 3 Reconciliation with Creation and Faith-Justice

4.4 Reconciliation with Creation in dialogue

Act

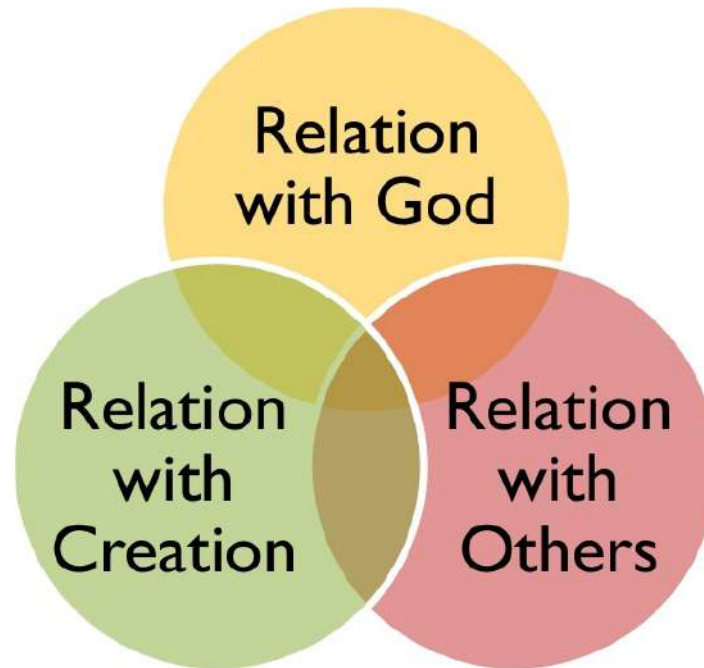
5. Recommendations

6. Concrete suggestions

Laudato Si' and the Society of Jesus

The multifaceted challenge of caring for our common home calls for a multifaceted response from the Society. We begin by changing our personal and community lifestyles, adopting behaviour coherent with our desire for reconciliation with creation.

General Congregation 36,
Decree 1, §30 (2017)



Greening your Church ... some resources

www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk



Welcome to Eco Church: A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that



October 22, 2015

Welcome to Welwyn St. Mary's GSHP Project

- What's it all about
- 2009 Brochure (pdf file)
- October 2009 Magazine Article (pdf file)
- November 2002 Newsletter (pdf file)
- More Information and Links
- Real Time Animation
- Carbon Dioxide Performance



Photovoltaic Systems at St James's Church, Piccadilly

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Introduction

In November 2005 a Photo-Voltaic array was installed on the roof of St James's Church, Piccadilly, London.

The PV system generates non-polluting electricity and feeds it into the church where we can use it for lighting and other electrical equipment.

There has been a lot of interest in the installation so we have put these web-pages together to provide some information. This page shows a set of photographs of the various components of the PV system. The other page ([Photovoltaic Questions and Answers](#)) will list some answers to the common questions we are getting (through this website) from people who want to install PVs on their own buildings.

This web site is still under construction, and we will be adding new bits over the next few weeks. If you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to contact me.

Explaining the Encyclical: Scenario 1

Bill is a practicing Catholic. He and his young family are committed members of the Parish. Bill is also involved with the SVP and has a passion for social justice. But Bill says he doesn't believe in climate change. He hasn't read *Laudato Si* because he doesn't feel the Encyclical has anything to say to him.

You have a few minutes to persuade him otherwise, what do you say?

Explaining the Encyclical: Scenario 2

Alice is 16. Shortly after Confirmation, she stopped coming to church, saying "Christianity doesn't really speak to her anymore". She is a keen vegetarian, animal and environmental rights campaigner.

You have a few minutes to tell her about the Encyclical. What would you highlight?

Explaining the Encyclical: Scenario 3

You are asked by a local newspaper/radio station to explain the "Catholic position on the Paris Climate Agreement and approach to environmental issues in general". The audience/readership comprises ordinary members of the public.

What three points would you highlight?

Greening Your Church

Develop a 10 point plan to "green" your PARISH.

Give your plan a catchy name! Perhaps develop the first point as a "vision statement". The other points could be divided up into short/medium/long term aspirations, and may include matters relating to building, resource usage, education, community outreach and spirituality.

Closing Prayer from Final Paragraph of LS

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you!
Amen.