“Caring for Our Common Home: Laudato Si’ and Integral Ecology”
About Our Main Speakers – John Carroll University, Sept. 29, 2018

Dr. Vincent J. Miller, Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture, University of Dayton
Dr. Miller was appointed as the first Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture in 2009. He came to the University of Dayton from Georgetown University where he was an associate professor of theology. He served as a distinguished visiting professor at U.D. in spring 2008. He is the author of Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture (New York: Continuum, 2003) and is currently working on a book about how globalization is affecting religious belief and communities. Based on a 2015 conference on Laudato Si’ at the University of Dayton, Dr. Miller has since edited a textbook on the encyclical and integral ecology, The Theological and Ecological Vision of Laudato Si’ (Bloomsbury, 2017).

Dr. Leanne M. Jablonski, F.M.I., Hanley Sustainability Institute, University of Dayton (UD) and Director of the Marianist Environmental Education Center.
Marianist Sister Jablonski is the Scholar for Faith and Environment at UD. She received her doctorate in ecology from McGill University, holds an MA-Pastoral Ministry from UD and a Spiritual Direction certificate from Haden Institute. She leads the Ecological Society of America’s Environmental Justice working group. Via her MEEC outreach, she has served in state coordinator roles in education and policy with the Ohio Interfaith Climate & Energy Campaign of the Ohio Council of Churches, Catholic Climate Covenant and Union of Concerned Scientists. Her research interests are the global climate change impacts on ecosystems, plant responses to the environment, ecological restoration of habitats, environmental justice and ecology education.

Sr. Barbara O’Donnell, HM, Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center, PA
Sr. O’Donnell is a staff member with Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center, where she focuses on EcoSpirituality and EcoJustice. She earned her M.A. in Religious Education at LaSalle University and M.A. in Earth Literacy at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. She served 11 years as Director of EverGreen, the Sisters of Humility of Mary ecological ministry at the time. She utilizes Church teaching to help Catholics see the connection between local and global, and to realize that climate change affects all of God’s creation with a major impact on the poor.

Dan Misleh, Executive Director, Catholic Climate Covenant
Dan is founding executive director of the Catholic Climate Covenant—a partnership of 14 national Catholic organizations, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to engage the national, state and diocesan Catholic community on care for God’s creation, climate change, and implementing Laudato Si’ and the U.S. bishops’ 2001 climate change statement. Prior to Catholic Climate Covenant, Dan served 11 years with the USCCB as a policy advisor and then as Director of Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. After graduating from Xavier University in Cincinnati, he joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, where he met his wife Susie (also a volunteer). He received an M.A in theology from the Franciscan School of Theology (Berkeley).