As Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home turns two, Pope Francis’ vision of integral ecology proves itself more relevant, increasingly urgent, and just as inspiring now as in June 2015. In these two years, how has Laudato Si’ inspired you and deepened your life in Christ in your care for our common home and for the poor? Consider sharing that inspiration among family, parish, at work.

**Laudato Si’ ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS:** Catholic Climate Covenant has produced video reflections from Catholics on how Laudato Si’ inspires them to care for creation and the poor. The following reflections are on our DSAO Laudato Si’ webpage at [www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls):

- Fr. Hyacinth, St. Dominic’s Church (Wash., DC) shares how his ministry is enlivened by Laudato Si’.
- Carolyn Thele, Staff Assistant at Catholic Climate Covenant, shares how God inspired her through Laudato Si’ to pursue her life’s work.

On this anniversary, let us also be sure to celebrate together our own diocesan stories of people, parishes and schools making Laudato Si’ a reality! Below are timely resources to celebrate Laudato Si’.

**Laudato Si’ ANNIVERSARY RESOURCES:** (For the coming months thru Summer/Fall 2017. These are linked on our DSAO website at [www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls-pray-act-advocate](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls-pray-act-advocate))

1) **PRAY:**
   - A *novena* leading to Laudato Si’s June 18 anniversary (from Mercy World International)
   - An anniversary *prayer* and video “Everything is Connected” (from Catholic Health Assn.)

2) **ACT:**
   - For World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept. 1), Catholic Climate Covenant and Global Catholic Climate Movement offer [resources for parishes, schools and individuals](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls-pray-act-advocate) to pray in care of God’s creation on or around Sept. 1 in unison with the global Church.
   - Feast of St. Francis “Blessing liturgy” resource and parish/school session guide – “Befriend the Wolf”: For the Feast of St. Francis in October, Catholic Climate Covenant offers a Blessing of the Animals liturgy and a 90-minute educational program for parishes, schools, or faith-sharing groups. Register at [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF) to receive these materials and download the program when it is available in mid-August.

4) **ADVOCATE:**
   - U.S. Catholic Bishops Respond to U.S. Leaving Climate Agreement: The U.S. Bishops responded with disappointment to the administration’s decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement. Bishop Oscar Cantú, chairperson of USCCB’s Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a [statement](http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-092.cfm) reminding that the USCCB, with Pope Francis and the entire Catholic Church, have consistently upheld the Paris agreement as a key mechanism for global climate change stewardship and mitigation. **ACTION:** Send the administration a message of your concern for this decision and pledge to take action on climate justice. Go to our DSAO site [www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls-pray-act-advocate](http://www.ccdocle.org/social-action/laudato-si/ls-pray-act-advocate) under “Advocate” to use Catholic Climate Covenant’s online advocacy response.

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