

“The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, including the most complex and inscrutable.” *Pope John Paul II 1991 quoted ¶ 80 Laudato Si’ On Care of Our Common Home*

Spiritual Conversion

Resource Links *(September 2019)*

Links to Season of Creation Ideas

- **Pope Francis Asks Us to Pray for Creation on September 1st** (July 2016) In this beautiful 1:37 minute video Pope Francis invites us to join him in praying for creation, from the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19v0A19DDXs&t=2s>
- **Pope’s appeal to pray, reflect, and act to safeguard creation** (Sept 2019) Pope Francis invites us to join people of many faiths around the world to pray for creation.
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-09/pope-s-appeal-to-pray-reflect-and-act-to-safeguard-creation.html>



- **September 1 to October 4 – Season of Creation** (Sept 2019) Development and Peace Caritas Canada invite you to take part in the 2019 celebratory period, the Season of Creation, by learning about and reflecting on the upcoming Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region. The theme of the Synod is Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology and it will be held from October 6 to 27, 2019 in Rome. During the Season of Creation, let us discern how we can respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor in the Amazon. La page peut être traduite en français. <https://www.devp.org/en/seasonofcreation>
- **Reflections on the Synod on the Amazon** (Aug 2019) Caritas Canada Development & Peace with the Global Catholic Climate Movement has prepared this document on Small Group Spiritual Conversations with “Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology”: Preparatory Document of the Synod of Bishops for the Special Assembly for the Pan-Amazon Region
https://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/synod-amazon_en.pdf
- **The Season of Creation is our special time for the Creator and each other** This extensive ecumenical website connects readers to global campaigns in the Season of Creation, and invites participation by logging your event on a global map.
<http://seasonofcreation.org/>
- **Prayer Service for the Season of Creation** (Sept 2019) The three documents combined in this link provide a beautiful Season of Creation prayer service, with a guide on how to prepare for that service and power point images to accompany the prayers, from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada.

https://drive.google.com/a/faithcommongood.org/file/d/1KLqBHiiIGpvbcnP1V-Wyx87Uzup_fZm8/view?usp=sharing

- **Season of Creation Toolkit** (2019) can be ordered from the Green churches Network/ Églises Vert Network website, and their Calendar of activities for the season can be downloaded for free. An added bonus, their website is fully bilingual!
<https://greenchurches.ca/season-of-creation/>
- **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (Aug 2019) Resources from CAFOD, (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development UK) including a vigil to download, and suggestions for individuals and congregations to respond prayer for Creation on September 1. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Celebrate-World-Day-of-Prayer>
- **Why should we care for the Environment?** (2013) Producer and host Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann joins Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE, as they try to find the answer within God's revelation as found in his creation and the teachings of the Catholic Church. A six part video series produced by Salt&Light TV in 2013. Link provides access to a 37 page study guide and options to rent individual episodes, or purchase the full series for \$10.99 Cdn. <https://saltandlighttv.org/creation/>

Links to Liturgical and Prayer Aides

- **An ecology based Examination of Conscience** experience prepared by the Jesuits and the Ignatian Solidarity Network. <http://www.ecologicalexamen.org/>



- **An ecology based Examination of Conscience** (Oct 2014) on the igNation Jesuit blog site, featuring the writing of Greg Kennedy, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph, ON.
<http://ignation.ca/2014/10/28/ecological-examen/>
- **Resources for homilists** and other materials that will help you integrate the rich insights of *Laudato Si'* and Christian care for creation into Sunday Mass are provided by the Catholic Climate Covenant and the Integral Faith team provide. Choose “Laudato Si’ “ and “Care for Creation” in the drop down categories box.
<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/?tid=14>
- **Rosary for the Anniversary of Laudato Si’** (May 2019) and the Feast of Mary Help of Christians from the GCCM. These beautiful reflections on each decade of the rosary guide our thoughts to creation and our integral place within it.
https://brentwoodcsj.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/EN-Rosary_-May-24th.pdf
- **Prayer for the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth** (2018) A beautiful prayer that ties together the intertwined concerns identified by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*, from Development and Peace, Caritas Canada.
<https://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/50years-prayercard-en.pdf>
- **Caring for God’s Creation Resources for Liturgy, Preaching, and Taking Action** (2015) An extensive and comprehensive document from the United States Conference of



Catholic Bishops, Justice Peace and Human Development. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf>

- **Intercessory Prayers** (2014) for the Care of the Earth Prepared by the Ecology Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton for use in Liturgical, Communal and Personal Prayer. This is meant to be printed and used as a folded booklet. The intercessions work well with leader and group voices, praying Hail Mary and invoking St. Kateri Pray for us, between each one. <http://csjfederation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Intercessory-prayers-booklet.pdf>
- **Prayers of and for the earth** (Feb 2011) including petitions to include in the mass, prepared by Carol Meyer of the National Catholic Reporter. These prayers can be used freely with or without quoting the source. <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/ecocatholic/wheres-earth-prayer-when-you-need-one>
- **Ecology focused Stations of the Cross** (March 2011) by Barb Born March 2011 This Stations of the Cross may be reproduced for use in parishes, bulletins, newsletters or by faith sharing groups without copyright concerns. <https://paxchristiusa1.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/eco-stations-of-the-cross.doc>
- **A Guide for Praying the Stations of the Cosmos** (May 2009) These beautiful reflections were designed to be read as you walk through the labyrinth of the cosmos on the property of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, Ontario, but they are a beautiful meditation even if you can't be there in person. https://ignatiusguelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Stations_of_the_Cosmos-web.pdf



- **Our Relationship with the Environment: The Need for Conversion** (2008) This is a very thoughtful guide to help us move towards a spiritual eco-conversion from the Commission for Social Affairs, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops available in English en Français. https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/enviro_eng.pdf; https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/enviro_fr.pdf