

**Believers themselves must constantly feel
challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith
and not to contradict it by their actions. ¶ 200**

**Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also
civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a
better world. ¶ 231 Laudato Si' On Care of Our Common Home**

Lifestyle and Parish Life Changes

Links to tips, tools and programs (September 2019)

- **Why the only future worth building includes everyone** (April 2017) Pope Francis, filmed in Vatican City and first shown as a TED Talk, 18 minute video.
https://www.ted.com/talks/pope_francis_why_the_only_future_worth_building_includes_everyone?language=en#t-1059341
- **Integral Ecology - A Holistic, Community-Based Approach to Saving Our Environment** (March 2019) Jesuit Conference from the Office of Justice and Ecology, 3.7 min. Video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsSarV5_09c&feature=youtu.be
- **Living Out Laudato Si': A Commentary and Practical Resource for Canadian Catholics** (Sept. 2017) This reflection on the encyclical embraces a specific Canadian

context including resource extraction and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Living_Out_Laudato_Si_En.pdf

- **Excellent small group dialogue guides**, [On care of our common home](#) (2016) Laudato Si' and [Living with limits, living well!](#) (2014) from the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice.
[file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/GCCM%20Canada/Website%20content/Publications/Flyer%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/GCCM%20Canada/Website%20content/Publications/Flyer%20(1).pdf)
- **On Care for Our Common Home, Laudato Si', A Canadian Response** (Nov 2015) This very insightful 35 minute video features interviews with prominent Canadians David Suzuki, Maude Barlow, Catherine Abrea, Ben Powless and many others.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bti86O_Tw5A
- **North of 60 Experience** (Nov 2018) A newsletter article in "The Vincentimes" of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Ontario Regional Council, about their program to work with Indigenous communities in Canada's far north.
<http://ssvp.on.ca/en/newsletters/ont/EN-VT-Nov2018.pdf>
- **Fruit of the Earth and Work of Human Hands** (2014) Follow this link to download the reflection statement on Ontario farming issues such as food security and environmental stewardship with Facilitator's Guide by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario Social Affairs Commission. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/fruit-of-the-earth/>
- **Green Spirit TV** (2015) Series of 12 videos that average about 10 minutes each come with lesson plans on the environment, and include highlights from *Building a New Culture: Central Themes in Recent Church Teaching on the Environment* (CCCB) and commentary from Archbishop Donald Bolen.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/greenspiritv>

- **Water, A Sacred Gift** (2016) Joint ecumenical Bishop's statement on the importance of water as a basic human right.
<http://wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca/%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8B%E2%80%8Bwater-a-sacred-gift-released-by-regional-faith-leaders-today/>
- **Students On Ice Arctic 2018: The Journey** (Aug 2018) This inspiring 17:33 minute video follows 125 students from all over the world who sailed through the Canadian High Arctic to Greenland. This transformational journey engaged youth in a greater understanding and appreciation for the Arctic and each other.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj51xTbICKQ&feature=share>
- **Solving Climate Change: A Blueprint** (April 2018) Katharine Wilkinson is interviewed on "The Agenda" with Steve Paikin about Project Drawdown, in this 18:03 minute video on TVO. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=234&v=zs5IV1ELpu0
- **Building a New Culture: Central Themes in Recent Church Teaching on the Environment** (2013) Outlines church teaching on eight environmental themes, serving as guide for discussion, reflection and decision-making.
[https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Church Teaching on the Environment.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Church_Teaching_on_the_Environment.pdf)
- **Vancouver - Greenest City in the World** (March 2018) 5:23 mins video In 2009, Vancouver announced that it wanted to become the "Greenest City in the World by 2020". As a result, Vancouver now has the lowest carbon emissions of any city in North America. En 2009, Vancouver a annoncé qu'elle voulait devenir la « ville la plus verte du monde d'ici 2020 ». Par conséquent, Vancouver a les plus faibles émissions de carbone de toutes les villes d'Amérique du Nord.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=53&v=q5TvxRw3o8

- **Small Quebec village, sued for trying to protect its drinking water, wins legal battle** (Feb 2018) The local chapter of the Knights of Columbus were involved in this Ristigouche win! The town of Ristigouche-Sud-Est, in the Gaspé, was able to raise \$330,000 in a crowdfunding campaign to cover its legal fees. (Geneviève Génier-Carrier/Radio-Canada). <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/small-quebec-village-sued-for-trying-to-protect-its-drinking-water-wins-legal-battle-1.4555774>
- **Strengthening the Role of Faith-Based Organizations to Support Emergency Preparedness** (2018) Wondering what your parish can do to help your community if a climate emergency affects your most vulnerable citizens? Look what these faith groups are doing in this case study by Heather Keam and Sheila Murray for the Tamarack Institute.
<https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/hubfs/DC/2018%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20Heather%20Keam%20Sheila%20Murray%20Case%20Study.pdf?hsCtaTracking=0ad9a124-cf30-427c-87ac-39e9a404b24a%7Cf401cb04-80b6-446b-8712-90af6a14c581>
- **Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada Becomes a Blue Community: Working Towards Making Clean Water a Human Right** (Dec 2017) This community is showing us by example how to live Laudato Si'. Their leadership is a guide for all of us.
<http://www.csj-to.ca/story/2017/12/federation-sisters-st-joseph-canada-becomes-blue-community-working-towards-making-clea>
- **Just One World** (Oct 2015) Laudato Si' – Catholic Relief Services Elementary Animated Brief This is a beautiful little young people's cartoon, 4:11 minutes long, with suggestion about living Laudato Si', from CRS and Caritas International. The following link has the same video made in French.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=50&v=Avvx95p3rZo
- **Sauvegarder notre Maison Commune** (Jan 2016) 4:04 video Cette courte vidéo explique aux enfants le message de l'encyclique du pape François: une lettre sur la sauvegarde de

notre maison commune, Développement et Paix

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yH9a9jA5Fus>

- **Just One World** (Sept 2015) 4:55 CAFOD teen cartoon video about Laudato Si'
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=277&v=o3Lz7dmn1eM
- **Top Ten Takeaways from 'Laudato Si'** (June 2015) Fr. James Martin in America the Jesuit Review succinctly sums up Laudato Si' and points us in the direction of personal actions. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2015/06/18/top-ten-takeaways-laudato-si>
- **Feeling the Heat** (Aug 2015) This is an excellent 52 page document from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, as part of its 2015 fall campaign "Create a Climate of Change." Their recommendations are particularly helpful when planning advocacy focal points with all levels of government.
https://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/feeling_the_heat_0.pdf
- **What YOU Can Do About Climate Change?** (Sept 2013) 10 minute video cartoon looks at Canadians' carbon footprint and consumerism, from the "Climate Insights 101" series created by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) -- a collaboration of British Columbia's four research intensive universities.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTfgNFz1DBM>
- **A Message from Pope Francis** (Sept 2019) In this letter Pope Francis encourages us to look at our lifestyles and also to participate with the activities of anyone pursuing care of creation. http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190901_messaggio-giornata-creato.html English; <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/fr/messages/pont->

[messages/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/messages/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html) Français

- Cardinal Turkson on Fourth Anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si', (May 2019), Zenit staff on the environment <https://zenit.org/articles/cardinal-turkson-on-fourth-anniversary-of-pope-francis-encyclal-laudato-si/>
- **Cry of the Poor, cry of the earth: What has Spirituality got to do with Social Justice and Ecology?** (June 2011) A seminar was held in Hamilton, Ontario, to explore this topic. This document offers summaries of the presentations, as well as edited excerpts of the conversations. https://jesuitforum.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/shared_exploration.pdf
- **God Calls Us All to Care for Our Common Home** (June 2019) In this Pastoral Statement by the California Conference of Catholic Bishops there is poetic reflection on the California landscape through the elements of earth, fire, water and wind. These are accompanied by practical steps parishes in California will take to address the environmental concerns in their localities. This is a good model for how we can look at our neighbourhoods here in Canada and consider concrete ways we can make a difference.
https://www.cacatholic.org/sites/default/files/2019_god_calls_us_to_care_for_our_common_home-eng.pdf