



"LET OURS BE A TIME REMEMBERED FOR THE AWAKENING OF A NEW REVERENCE FOR LIFE, THE FIRM RESOLVE TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY, THE QUICKENINGS OF THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, AND THE JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF LIFE."

-- Pope Francis

WHY NOW?

This year marks the 6-year anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. In this groundbreaking encyclical, Pope Francis identified a concern for the natural world as integral to our Catholic Social Teaching Tradition. The "Season of Creation," the annual call to prayer and action begins on September 1 and extends through October 4, The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a particularly apt time for us to gather so that we might reflect on Pope Francis' prophetic words as well as our own, ongoing responsibilities as good stewards of God's creation.

OBJECTIVES

- Call Attention to the Urgency of Our Challenges in Caring for the Earth as Outlined in *Laudato Si'*.
- Dialogue About How We Are Living Our Faith and Shaping the Future of our Planet for the Common Good.
- Help Parishes Identify Opportunities to Uphold Life and Care for All of God's Creation.

REGISTRATION

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Deadline: October 1, 2021 (for lunch count)



Cost of Attendance: *No fee*
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SPONSORS

- Social Teaching Ecclesial Commission
- Youth and Young Adults Commission

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CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

WHEN AND WHERE?

- Saturday, October 9, 2021
- 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Queen of All Saints Catholic Church
1715 Barker Street
Michigan City, IN
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch to Be Provided

PROGRAM?

- 8:00 Mass with Most Rev. Robert J. McClory, Bishop of Gary
- 9:00 Welcome and Review of Summit Objectives
- 9:15 Keynote Address: The Theology of *Laudato Si'*
Rev. Daniel P. Horan, OFM,
Director, Center for Spirituality, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Morning Breakout Sessions:
 - The Science Behind *Laudato Si'*
 - The Public Policy Challenge in Front of *Laudato Si'*
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Repeat of Morning Breakout Sessions
- 11:45 Lunch and Networking Sessions
- 12:45 Afternoon Breakout Session:
 - What can I do? Spirituality and Lifestyle
 - What can we do? Advocacy and Ministry
- 1:30 Break
- 1:45 Repeat of Afternoon Breakout Sessions
- 2:30 Youth and Young Adult Observers Feedback
- 3:15 Closing Prayer

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Pastors and Associate Pastors
- Members of Pastoral Councils
- Lay Catholics who serve in Social Justice Ministries or Apostolates
- Deacons and members of Religious Communities
- Those who view a concern for the environment as integral to our Catholic faith
- Those who hope to better understand the urgency of Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'*.