

Pope Francis. **Laudato Si'** (On Care for Our Common Home)

As we finally enjoy the summer season and spend more time outdoors, we appreciate anew the gifts of our natural world. This encyclical letter reminds us that it is our responsibility to care for and nurture this beautiful earth. Instead we have often inflicted harm by our irresponsible use and abuse of the many gifts with which God has endowed our planet. We have forgotten that our very bodies are made up of its elements; we breathe its air and receive nourishment from its waters. Pope Francis urgently appeals for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our world. He turns to his namesake, St. Francis, who shows us the inseparable connection between the concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. (Call No. 261.88-FRA)