



FAITH CLIMATE ACTION KIT

Planning your steps toward climate action and answering the call of Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si'.

1| **Understand the encyclical of Pope Francis**

Find and select quotes from the Pope's 184-page letter on ecology that you would use to promote 'Laudato Si'. Some examples can be found on the next page.

Write a short reflection on what the quote from 'Laudato Si' means to you.

2| **Talk about it**

Discuss the quotes that you have selected and the issues they address.

Search for images that complement the quotes you have selected.

Write an article, discussion introduction or graphic for your chosen social media channel (e.g. Letter to the editor, blog, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram).

3| **Stand with Pope Francis**

Join us in standing with Pope Francis by adding your name to pledges provided by <https://catholicclimatemovement.global> and Interfaith Power & Light.

4| **Start a team, go green**

Find inspiration and tips to form a green team in your class or year level, cutting your carbon footprint and supporting sustainable Marist Solidarity projects.

5| **Take action and share your step with the world**

Share your step on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter... #mysolidaritystep



'LAUDATO SI', Pope Francis

Quotes on Climate Change

“Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.” (25)

“The earth now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.” (2)

“We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.” (2)

Quotes on Ecological Injustice and the Impact on the Poor and Vulnerable

“The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.” (23)

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” (139)

Quotes on Over-consumption

“The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.” (21)

Quotes on Our Call to Action

“Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings. Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity.” (211)