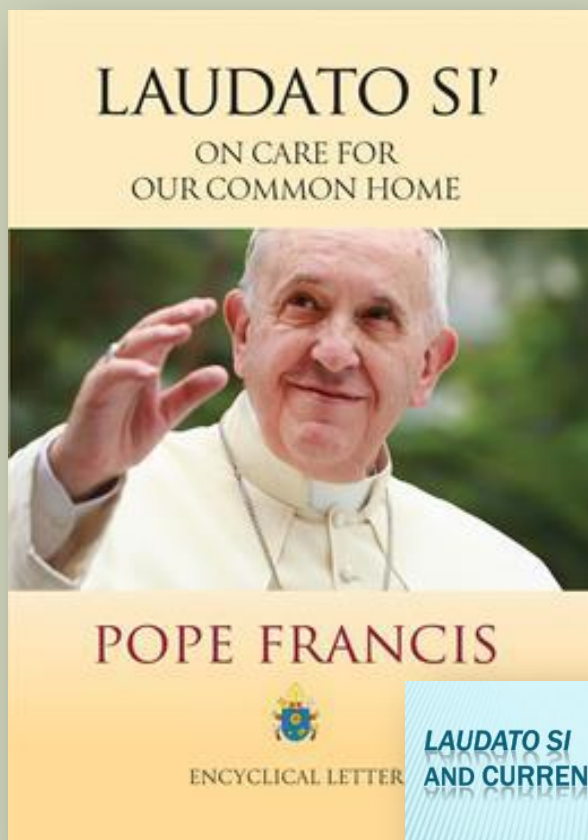


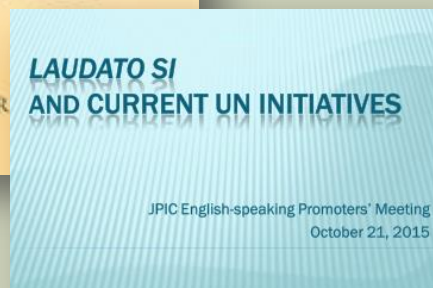
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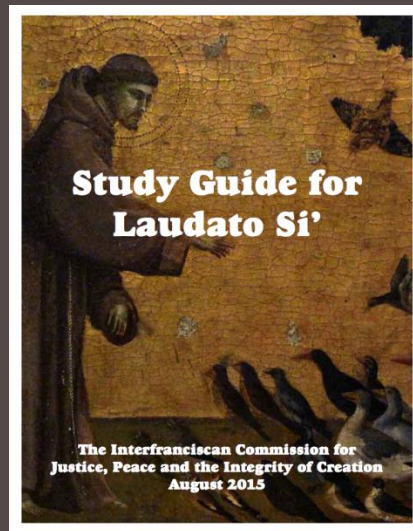
# THROUGH THE YEAR WITH LAUDATO SI'



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Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope (244).



# PACT OF THE CATACOMBS



The Catholic Church is open to dialogue with philosophical thought; this has enabled her to produce various synthesis between faith and reason. The development of the Church's social teaching represents such a synthesis with regard to social issues; this teaching is called to be enriched by taking up new challenges (63).

# JPIC FORMATION WORKSHOP AND LAUDATO sì



**In the meantime, we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast (244).**

**Authentic development includes efforts to bring about an integral improvement in the quality of human life, and this entails considering the setting in which people live their lives (147).**



# MINING IN PHILIPPINES



In various parts of the world, pressure is being put on them to abandon their homelands to make room for agricultural or mining projects which are undertaken without regard for the degradation of nature and culture (146).

# COP 21

Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home (13).

A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal (202).

Truly, much can be done! (180)





# COP 21



**AFRICA WG**



**The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating (51).**





# ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING WG



**It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted (91).**

# COLLABORATION OF MEN & WOMEN WG



Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth (92).

# ICR AT FAO



People's quality of life actually diminishes – by the deterioration of the environment, the low quality of food or the depletion of resources – in the midst of economic growth (194).



Only when “the economic and social costs of using up shared environmental resources are recognized with transparency and fully born by those who incur them, not by other peoples or future generations,” can those actions be considered ethical (195).



# ICWG AND GEO-ETHICISTS



**Creation is of the order of love (77).**

**Encountering God does not mean fleeing from this world or turning our back on nature (235).**

# REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS



**A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our heart lacks tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings (91).**

Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by a love which calls us together into universal communion (76).

# MERCY AND JUSTICE, LAUDATO SÌ AND ECONOMY



Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbor, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth. When all these relationships are neglected, when justice no longer dwells in the land, the Bible tells us that life itself is endangered. We see this in the story of Noah, where God threatens to do away with humanity because of its constant failure to fulfill the requirements of justice and peace... (70).

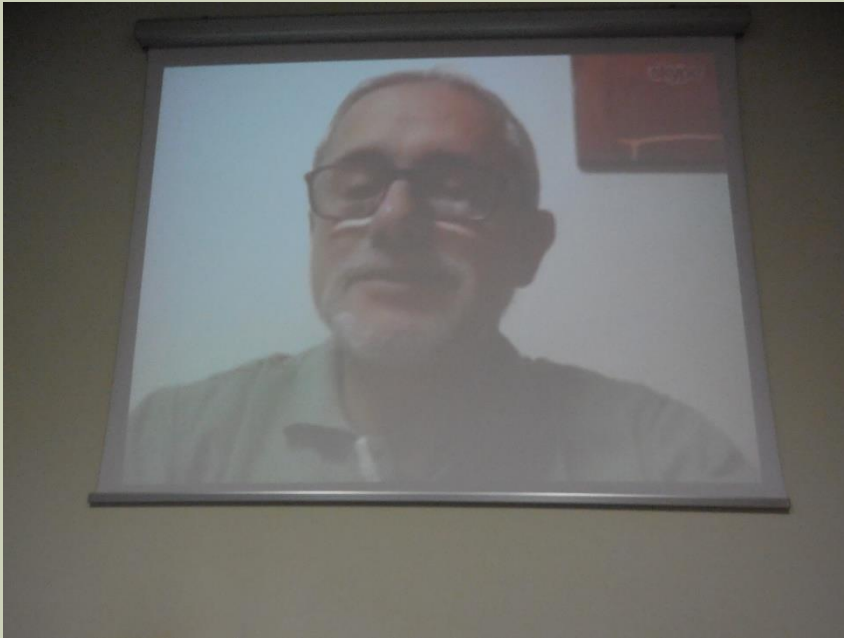
# POVERTY HANDBOOK AT STAMPA



We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, vainly showing off their supposed superiority and leaving behind them so much waste which, if it were the case everywhere, would destroy the planet. In practice, we continue to tolerate that some consider themselves more human than others, as if they had been born with greater rights (90).



# CONCERNS FOR BRAZIL



**Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience (217).**

# CONFLICT AND PEACE BUILDING



Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affect not only relationships between individuals but also “macro-relationships, social economic and political ones.” [...] Social love is the key to authentic development (231).



# HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CRISIS RESPONDERS



**Theological and philosophical reflections on the situation of humanity and the world can sound tiresome and abstract, unless they are grounded in a fresh analysis of our present situation, which is in many ways unprecedented in the history of humanity (17).**

# NONVIOLENCE AND JUST PEACE CONFERENCE



**We are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plans for peace, beauty and fullness (53).**



# VIOLENCE IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This version of “might is right” has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus (82).





# PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN CONFLICT



**A fragile world, entrusted by  
God to human care, challenges  
us to devise intelligent ways of  
directing, developing, and  
limiting our power (78).**

# INVOLVEMENT IN SEDOS



**If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behavior. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature (215).**

# JPIC DISPLAY AND CONVERSATION AT UISG PLENARY



An open and respectful dialogue is also needed between the various ecological movements, among which ideological conflicts are not infrequently encountered. The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which requires patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that “realities are greater than ideas” (201).

# DISCUSSIONS AND REFLECTIONS



**Believers themselves must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. They need to be encouraged to be ever open to God's grace and to draw constantly from their deepest convictions about love, justice and peace (200).**



# SHARING BEST PRACTICES



**As the bishops of Southern Africa have stated:  
“Everyone’s talents and involvement are needed to  
redress the damage caused by human abuse of  
God’s creation.” All of us can cooperate as  
instruments of God for the care of creation, each  
according to his or her own culture, experience,  
involvements and talents (14).**



All of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect (89).

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



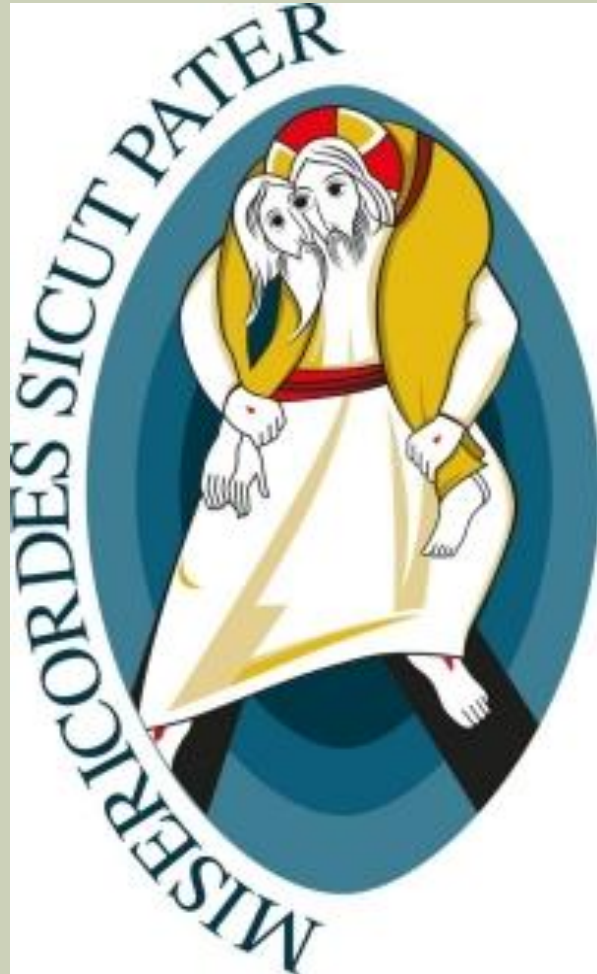


# PRAYER AT SAN MERCELLO





# THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: SACRED DOOR NEAR TERMINI



Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection [...] Consequently, we can ascend from created things "to the greatness of God and to his loving mercy" (77).

# THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: SACRED DOOR NEAR TERMINI





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## ICR AT FAO WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION ON LAUDATO SI' AND AGRICULTURE



L to R: Simon Della Monica, Judy Nussim, Chy, Fabio L'Amore, Chy Ken Thompson, Anne Carey, 10/17, Teresa Dighe, 10/17.

The ICR (International Congregations of Religious) at FAO Working Group led JPIC Promoters at their February 17 meeting with the theme "Food Security, Compassion and Human Rights Spirituality." According to the Committee on World Food Security of FAO, food security exists "when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life."

The presentation was clear and engaging, although the issues were complex. A stimulating dialogue focused on

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**EDITORIAL:** There is much in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) that has applications for all of us. Pope Francis takes inspiration from Martin Luther King Jr when he elaborates on the ways that love endures all things and is ready to confront any challenge. He calls us to consider that "When we rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, we seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, we love, but we seek to defeat the system..." (AL #118 for Sermon delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church) Such words continue to develop the importance of the emphasis of *Laudato Si'* on our care for one another and our efforts to advocate and create needed changes. In order to deal with systems, the JPIC Promoters in Rome are making connections to what they are doing here with their congregations.

In this issue of Newsbrief our articles highlight the responses that are hopeful within the challenges that we are to face. By coordinating our responses, we are encouraged in our efforts to make this world a better place.

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## NONVIOLENCE AND JUST PEACE CONFERENCE



Pauline (L-R): Marie Dennis, Co-President of Pax Christi International, Archbishop John Baptist Chikwa of Gulu, Uganda and Fr. Tito Munoz, JPIC Commission of USG/USG and Board Member of USG.

A conference sponsored by Pax Christi International and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP), April 11-13, brought together more than 80 people for an unprecedented gathering to discuss the Catholic Church's history of and commitment to non-violence. The conference on "Nonviolence and Just Peace: Contributing to the Catholic Understanding of and Commitment to Nonviolence" was organized by the Justice and Peace Commission of the USG/USG, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Mary-

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Cardinal Turkson, president of PCJP

knoll missionaries, Columbian missionaries and Pace Bene. Many participants were from conflict areas. The final outcome document, "An appeal to the Catholic Church to recommit to the centrality of Gospel nonviolence," was affirmed during the final assembly. It is a commitment to further

Catholic understanding and practice of active nonviolence on the road to just peace. Conference participants committed to keeping alive a conversation on the many complex issues related to the meeting and statements, and will look for ways to support the Church's work for nonviolence—to "integrate Gospel nonviolence explicitly into the life, including the sacramental life, and work of the Church through dioceses, parishes, agencies, schools, universities, seminaries, religious orders, voluntary associations, and others." For the interview of bishop Luigi Bettazzi and Vittorio Alberti by Vatican Radio in Italian: [http://it.radiorivista.va/news/2016/04/15/pax-christi\\_bettazzi\\_mon-problema-pax-3582-di\\_96E258809/28guerra\\_justa/1223023](http://it.radiorivista.va/news/2016/04/15/pax-christi_bettazzi_mon-problema-pax-3582-di_96E258809/28guerra_justa/1223023). Other media coverage: <http://www.paxchristi.net/news/media-coverage-international-conference-nonviolence-and-just-peace/58858tashash.cjNkKTR.dphs>

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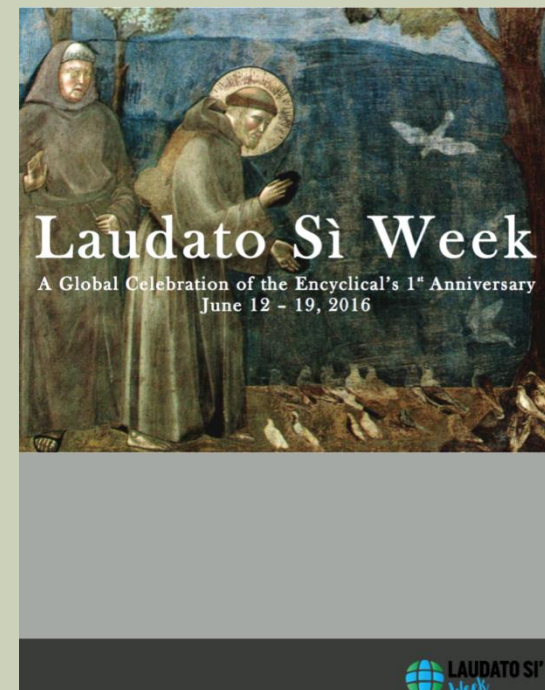
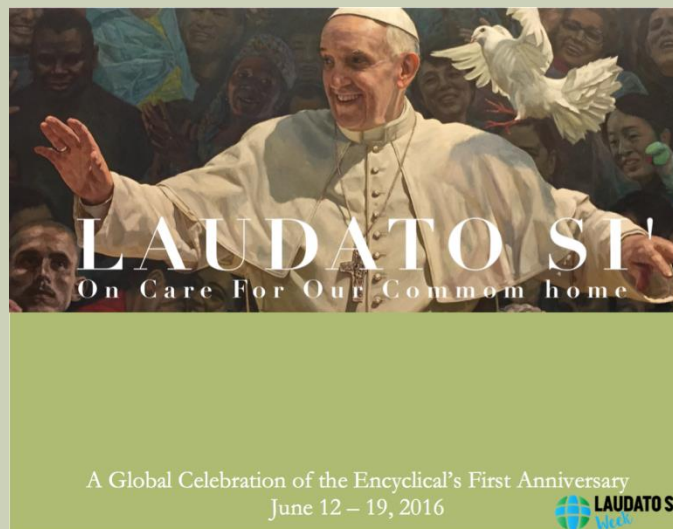
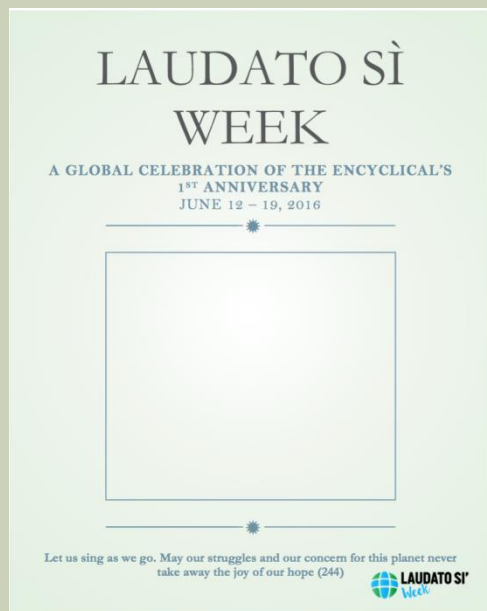


# GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT





# LAUDATO SÌ WEEK IDEAS



# REFUGEE & MIGRANTS WG TEMPLATE SAMPLES

## REFUGEE & MIGRANTS WG

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