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Care for Our Common Home: An Australian Group Reading Guide to Laudato Si'

Bill Huebsch with Trish Hindmarsh

'A game changer for the Catholic community.' Jacqui Rémond,

Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia





Dear Friends,

There has been a remarkable response to the Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home*. As Jacqui Rémond remarks, it is truly 'a game changer'. Commentators have greeted it with widespread praise and given that this year's Paris conference will again endevour to reach an agreement on climate change, it's appropriate to bring the encyclical's contents and message to as many people as possible in the Catholic and wider community.

Care for Our Common Home: An Australian Group Reading Guide to Laudato Si' provides an accessible way to take up the Australian Bishops' invitation for the Catholic community and the wider Australian community to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the encyclical. This reading guide has been produced with the kind support of Catholic Earthcare Australia.

The original text is some 40,000 words and 184 pages long. We have taken well-known author, Bill Huebsch's plain English text, linked it to the original encyclical paragraph references, and added Australian commentary and discussion questions from noted Australian educator Trish Hindmarsh. All of this is presented in an attractive full-colour A4 magazine format with quality design and evocative photos that can be shared widely throughout your parish and school communities.

We are confident you will find this truly unique and Australian guide an invaluable resource for reading and discussion within your schools, parishes and the wider community.

Best wishes,

David Hughan CEO Garratt Publishing

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educators capable of developing an ethics of ecology, and helping people, through effective pedagogy, to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care

and is a complex system in what is needed to sustain human life. A "solid scientific consensus" has emerged that human activity has contributed significantly to the general warming of the planet. Other factors also play into this, such as volcanic activity and the solar cycle, but it is now undeniable that our dependence on fossil fuels triggers a large increase in greenhouse gases. Fossil fuels are at the center of the worldwide energy system.

24 Climate change affects the carbon cycle, essential to all life. Potable water supplies decrease; agricultural output is reduced; water levels rise on our coasts; polar ice caps melt producing increased methane gas.

earth live along the changes adversely affect farming, fishing, and forestry, the means of livelihood of most poor people on earth. The poor are forced to follow the migrations of animals and move away as deserts expand. They must leave behind their homes and live with even greater insecurity. How can we be indifferent to them?

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26 The ones on earth with power and money, however, try to deny there is a problem at all. They argue with the scientific consensus on this while ignoring the plight of the suffering masses. We need an urgent plan to drastically reduce polluting gases and increase access to renewable energy.

Educating for the covenant between humanity and the environment

209 We know that simply buying and having more possessions ore and naving more possessions oes not lead to deep happiness and meaning, yet it's hard to break the habit of shopping. We see hope, though, because young people have a new ecological awareness; yet even they struggle to change consum 210 Environmental education is the

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of consumerism and moves toward a more transcendent view. [21] Environmental education forms the human heart for selfless ecological decisions. Small daily actions by many decisions. Small daily actions by many produce a great effect, such as turning down the heat, avoiding one-use plastics or paper, reducing water use.

plastics or paper, reducing water use, recycling garbage, no longer wasting food, using public transportation, planting trees and howers, or reducing electrical use. [212] We must believe that these efforts will change the world! They also change our hearts.

one that pierces through the myth

[213] Ecological formation takes place in a variety of settings, the most important of which is the family. In the family we learn how to show respect for life, the proper use of things, order and ecological values. Here we learn to say "thank you" and to turn greed into generosity.

214 The church also plays a role in this by helping people develop personal qualities of self-control and self-giving love based on ecological selfuer. [215]. When we learn se values. [215] When we learn to see beauty, we learn to reject what exploits and destroys it especially in nature. Ecological education mi nature. Ecological education mass produce a new way of thinking about other people, society, and nature.

For reflection and discussion: What does Francis see as the role of environmental education in increasing

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Where does my electricity come from? where does my electrony come nonn What choices do I have in switching to green energy or reducing my consumption? What can I do to influence government in their decision making on investing in fossil fuels versus renewable energy? What is the evidence that climate change is happening and is caused by human activity?

An accessible guide to Pope Francis' encyclical. An excellent Australian re students, teachers, parishioners and

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This encyclical, drawing its name from St Francis' Canticle of Creation, reminds us that earth is our common home and that we must care for it. Pope Francis calls on the entire world to take action to embrace what he calls "ecological conversion."

This uniquely Australian guide offers a summary of every article in Pope Francis' 40,000 word, 184 page ground-breaking document and offers reflections, discussion guides and case studies to help students, teachers, parish groups and families read and understand it, and take action!

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Here, Jacqui reflects on the exciteme

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About Laudato Si'

'At this crucial time, the Australian Bishops and Catholic Earthcare Australia invite the Catholic community and wider Australian community to address the challenges and opportunities in Laudato Si'. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Media Release

'A game changer for the Catholic community and it offers us in Australia a powerful moral and spiritual imperative for environmental and social action.

Jacqui Rémond, Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia

'Francis' encyclical... in my opinion [is] one of the most important documents of our era." Robert Manne. Emeritus Professor and Vice-Chancellor's Fellow La Trobe University

'A clarion call to every person on earth, individually and collectively.' Fr Bruce Duncan, Director Social Policy Connections, Yarra Theological Union

Laudato Si' esponse for families.

My appeal

CANTICLE OF CREATION: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing. Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, in the heavens. and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure. Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire through whom you give us light in the dar he is bright and lively and strong. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kin and flowers of many colours. Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of

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