

Resource Bulletin August 5, 2025: Season of Creation 2025



The Season of Creation begins on September 1st with the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. This day of prayer was established first in the Eastern Church, and adopted by the Catholic Church ten years ago at the publication of *Laudato Si*. Pope Leo has prepared a message for 2025 entitled: <u>"Seeds of Peace and Hope."</u> The season ends on October 4th with the feast of St. Francis. It is an ecumenical, world-wide event, with the theme of "Peace with Creation," explained in an <u>ecumenical video presentation at this link.</u> It's never too late to renew our Care for Creation efforts in fraternities and parishes.

On July 9, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the first-ever Mass in the *new form for the Care of Creation*. The mass was held outdoors at *Borgo [Village of] Laudato Si*, the garden and education center realized by Pope Francis at Castel Gondolfo. Pope Leo <u>said in his homily</u>: "...we should pray for the conversion of the many people, inside and outside the Church, who do not yet recognize the urgent need to care for our common home." There is a short news video at this link: https://youtu.be/Zsw rN1NfDs?si=h8fBLU5W80M0JUMj



Borga [village of] Laudato Si

The General Office for JPIC at the Curia of the Friars Minor, OFM has release an excellent media kit in Spanish, English, and Italian to celebrate Creation Day 2025. It includes info about the new form of the mass.

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Carolyn Townes' <u>Season of Creation</u> is a beautiful collection of prayers, readings, and opportunities for reflection. It is on the OSF-USA web page at this address: https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Franciscan-Season-of-Caringfor-Creation-1.pdf



<u>God's Creation Waits</u>, by Anne Neuberger is an excellent free Catholic resource (42-page booklet in PDF format) for children and teachers in grades 2-5, easily adaptable to other ages: https://anneneuberger.com/wp-content/uploads/Gods-Creation-Waits Revised June 2024.pdf





Does your parish have its Liturgical Banner yet? https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-creation-liturgical-banner/

Centenary of the Canticle of the Creatures

Don't miss the Canticle Anniversary ZOOM presentation

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2024

Time: 3PM Eastern/2PM Central/1PM Mountain/12 noon Pacific Find information, and a calendar of the Centenary activities at this link: https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/centenary-resources-the-gift-of-the-stigmata/centenary-national-regional-events-calendar/

