

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation
January 2026
A JPIC Reflection:
Care for Our Common Home:
Hear the Cry of the Earth and Cry of the Poor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we know, in 2015 His Holiness, Pope Francis issued the encyclical *Laudato Si'* calling all people to care for our common home, to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to care for all that our Lord created. In a recent commemoration of that universal call, Pope Leo XIV echoed his predecessor's concern and said, "God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created for the benefit of all and for future generations, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters - what will be our answer, my dear friends? (POPE LEO XIV at the opening of the Raising Hope Conference, October 1, 2025) May we encourage and support each other as we respond to this call.



Compassionate, Loving Action

As we prepare for 2026 and prayerfully make our promises to our Lord, may we make a conscious effort to have our care for our common home reflected in our daily lives. To assist us, the Care for Creation Team for the Diocese of San Diego is presenting the seven goals of *Laudato Si'* on January 7 by Zoom. May the presentation help each one of us as we make our 2026 promises to care for creation.



Let Us Pray

*"Lord, you love everything you have created,
and nothing exists outside the mystery of your tenderness.
Every creature, no matter how small, is the fruit of your love and has
a place in this world. Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded
by your care. Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say:
'Praised be you, my Lord!'"*

(Vatican: Pope Leo's prayer for September: Respecting, Protecting God's Creation)



Let Us Sing

Let us join our Franciscan voices at our gatherings in January and sing "The Canticle of Creation."

May we pray, act, and sing as we carry God's Hope and healing Love into the world.