

*"Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us" – Pope Francis, Laudato Si'*

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September 9, 2022, Care for Creation Event hosted by St. Anthony's Parish in Winters, CA.

## Community Partner Highlights:



**Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano** is offering "Listos California" Program to help the community prepare for disasters:

<https://www.ccyoso.org/dcmp>

**Sacramento 350** works locally to keep the planet from overheating. A grassroots organization committed to equitable solutions that accelerate the transition to a sustainable future:

<https://350sacramento.org/>

## Care for Creation Event

**Thank you to everyone who made the Care for Creation Event possible on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Your dedication to caring for our common home is a true inspiration and reminder that everyone is needed to respond to Pope Francis's urgent appeal.**

We did not imagine that the Care for Creation event would include two songs led by Bishop Jaime Soto. Hearing over 100 voices join him for "De Colores" and "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" exemplified the tone of the event: a celebration, a prayer, and response by all that we are committed to caring for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully.

The idea for the event began with a conversation between ministry leaders who reminded us of our role in rescuing and caring for the earth and the poor so that we can mend our relationship with God, with each other, and with Creation. Renewed in our commitment, the Diocese encouraged the observation of Rogation Days which are days of prayers to ask for the protection in calamities and to obtain a good and bountiful harvest.

The environmental richness and diversity of our Diocese, in the face of fires, floods, drought and climate change, urges us to respond by Reflecting, Acting and Evaluating. Our journey begins with Reflection so that we can recover a serene harmony with creation and reflecting on our lifestyle, our ideals, and our Creator among us. We then Act, to take concrete actions towards the *Laudato Si'* goals which includes *Responding to the Cry of the Earth*, *Responding to the Cry of the Poor* and *Spiritual, Ecology*. We invite you to join us on this journey towards integral ecology and care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment.

## The Letter Film

On the same day as the Season of Creation closes, the film *The Letter* focuses on global solidarity for creation and tells the story of *Laudato Si'* and how climate change is affecting the Earth and all who inhabit it.

The film follows four individuals from across the globe and brings together their unique experiences of the ecological crisis. The film was produced in collaboration with the *Laudato Si'* Movement in partnership with the Vatican and calls all people to a new and profound awareness of what is happening to our common home.

Watch *The Letter* on YouTube Originals:

<https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BI1>

## Get Involved!

- Watch *The Letter* beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Promote the film to your networks and on **social media**
- Find **USCCB Resources** like the **Laudato Si' Study Guide** to share with your community!



## Closing the Season of Creation 2022

October 4<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the Season of Creation for 2022, it's also the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi!

We invite you to honor St. Francis with small acts of kindness towards all of creation:

- Plant or tend a garden at home or at your local church
- Celebrate with your family with a walk and talk about the creatures you observe
- Pray for those who are facing natural disaster around the world. Special prayers for those suffering because of Hurricane Ian.



## Updates for Care for Creation Ministries!

**Follow Up:** Our Diocesan Team will be in contact with those who shared that they have a Care for Creation Ministry at their Parish as well as those who were interested in starting a ministry. Feel free to reach out to us too! [Diocesan Team - Office of Catholic Charities & Social Concerns](#)

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**Advocacy Update!** The California Legislative Session has ended, the California Catholic Conference issued Actions Alerts for certain bills, below is a short update:

- SB 222 *Water Rate Assistance for Low-Income Residents*: **Vetoed by Governor**
- SB 1083 *Help Homeless Families Find a Safe Place to Sleep*: **Approved by the Governor**

For more advocacy updates and information, visit: <https://cacatholic.org/>