LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY
~Psalm 66

During his life’s ministry, Jesus was aware and sensitive to the interdependence between the world and the people with whom he lived. He included in his teachings, healing miracles, and parables, mustard seeds, birds, flowers, human saliva, mud, clouds, sand, wind, waves, and on and on. It makes no sense to think of Jesus as a person who would not be responsive to the creation of his Father (Jn 10:30).

Pope Francis joined Jesus in his divine awareness and sensitivity in his papal encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home, published on May 24, 2015. The document describes the moral and spiritual challenges we all face in our world’s current social, ecological, and financial crises. More importantly, it summons all people of the world to a profound interior conversion, through renewing our relationship with God, one another, and our created world.

We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less there room for the globalization of indifference. (52).

To honor its 5th anniversary, Pope Francis declared May 16 to 24, 2020, as Laudato Si’ week. During our awareness of the change of seasons, it is an invitation to be thankful for God’s gift of creation.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,

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