Laudato Si’ Resource 2018

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| Related image | Welcome to this *Laudato Si*’ Resource prepared by the National Centre for Religious Studies to help schools and parishes understand and work with the encyclical letter.*Laudato Si*’written by Pope Francis and released in 2015 has had a great impact upon our thinking about how we care for the earth and all that lives upon it. This *Laudato Si* Resource draws into one place articles, activities, video clips and study guides from across the globe to help parishes and schools think of ways in which they can re-look at this vital Church teaching. |

This *Laudato Si’* Resource is intended for use during 2018. Bearing in mind that the school competition ends on July 26th 2018. You can use as much or as little of the resource as you wish.

This *Laudato Si’* Resource does not include every aspect of climate change but attempts to provide ideas and information that can support the work already being carried out in schools and parishes regarding care for our common home.

You may wish to send NCRS some photos of your *Laudato Si*’projects. You can do so by contact Lyn Smith at l.smith@tci.ac.nz for instructions of how to do that.

Contents of this *Laudato Si*’ Resource: To use the resources download them all from the website on to your computer.

* 4 PowerPoints about *Laudato Si’*: These include a general overview of the encyclical and what the key issues are as identified within it. The PowerPoints also have annotated notes for each slide for those who may teach from them. The PowerPoints include: one for the Parish setting / one for a school assembly / two for school lessons.
* General resources: Has sections which include resources from other agencies about the encyclical. We have also included responses from both the Islamic and Jewish traditions.
* Activies section: This includes activites to be completed depending upon the age range of the people involved. There are colouring activities, crossword; Tile puzzles and more.
* Videos: There are a number of videos in sections for you to view and share. Some are directly about the encyclical and others on the issue of climate change.
* School Competition time: See the competition poster. There is one prize for Years 1-6, one for Years 8 – 10 and one for Years 11-13. The prize will be $50 for the winning entry and $50 for a project reflecting the message of *Laudato Si’* for the school the student attends. The competition will be judged by the National Centre for Religious Studies and all decisions are final. The winning entries will be displayed on the *Faith Alive* and *Faith Central* websites for 2018. The closing date for the competition is July 26th 2018 at 3pm. All entries should be emailed to l.smith@tci.ac.nz or posted to Lyn Smith TCI, St Columba Centre, Private Bag 47904, Auckland 1144 (Postal date must be no later than July 26th 2018).

If you choose to use the *Laudato Si’* Resource please complete the Evaluation Form and return it to l.smith@tci.ac.nz

Thank you and enjoy.



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