



Laudato Si - Care for Creation



"Ecology is not only a matter of caring for the earth as the common home for all humanity. An integral ecology also implies that we are an 'integral' part of creation. There is a human ecology that begins with seeing ourselves as created by God, man and woman, made in God's own image and likeness" – Bishop Jaime Soto

Laudato Si' in Sacramento Media!

We are grateful that Pope Francis's message of *Laudato Si'* continues to be present in the Diocese of Sacramento through the [Catholic Herald](#) and [Radio Santísimo Sacramento](#).

In its [November/December 2022 Issue](#), the Catholic Herald features Care for Creation leaders, our Kickoff Event as well as highlighting the goals of *Laudato Si'*. To read the digital copy, please visit: [Catholic Herald November/December 2022 Issue](#)



Cultivando Esperanza! Cultivating Hope is the new radio show on Radio Santisimo Sacramento (1240 AM) airing every Wednesday at 11am. Your hosts, Miriam Sammartino and Herman Barahona, begin with a *Laudato Si'* reflection, explore a theme from the encyclical and share practical concrete steps to



put *Laudato Si'* into action. To listen to show: [Radio Santisimo Sacramento](#)



California Catholic Conference: Environmental Literacy Hub!

Through the California Catholic Environmental Literacy Hub, parents, teachers and catechists can connect with community based partners, programs and curricular resources!

The Bishops of California call upon parents, teachers and catechists to:

1. Help create an environmental consciousness and environmental literacy that promotes the principles of *Laudato Si'*,
2. Ensure that environmental education is based on authentic scientific and ethical principles,
3. Expand opportunities for outdoor environmental education, and
4. Integrate themes from *Laudato Si'* throughout Catholic educational ministries and programs.

For example, the "Climate Change and Our Oceans" lesson (see video) is available for use at home and in class. Through readings, activities and discussions, students learn about climate change and oceans, the threats to marine life due to rising ocean temperatures and acidification as well as their impacts on human beings. The lesson also invites students to take action by participating in a beach clean-up and pledging to keeping our oceans healthy and thriving.

Find this and many more resources by visiting: [California Catholic Conference Environmental Literacy Hub](#)

I noticed Beth starting to frown. She was taking notes on her clipboard. She told us that this whale wasn't healthy. Normally, they are fat and round. On this one we could see the jagged outline of its spine—like the ribs of a starving person. Beth also pointed out a dip in its skull. This meant it was not getting enough to eat. It was very skinny.



Encourage your U.S. Senators to Pass Critical Agricultural Reform, H.R. 1603!

H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 passed with a bipartisan majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, but the U.S. Senate has yet to act!

H.R. 1603, as passed by the House, would:

- Establish a program for agricultural workers in the United States to earn legal status through continued agricultural employment and contributions to the U.S. agricultural economy;
- Reform the H-2A guest worker program to provide more flexibility for employers, while ensuring critical protections for workers; and
- Establish an E-Verify employment eligibility verification system for all agricultural employment.

As Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Mario Dorsonville, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, stated following House passage of H.R. 1603, this bill "would help many hardworking immigrants reach their God-given potential, not only for their benefit but for that of the entire country."

Contact your U.S. Senator today through the USCCB's Action Center

Pass H.R. 1603



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