

## Registration

Last Name

First Name

Address

City/Zip

Parish

Email

Fee for Adults including lunch— \$30  
High School Students— \$10  
*Scholarships available*  
Limited to 100 participants

Make check payable to:  
St. Bernard Church

Either:  
Address envelop to  
**Care for Creation Retreat**  
Drop registration in collection basket at either  
Church before September 10 or  
Register online:

<https://forms.gle/VnqUD8ZAi42LDdRV7>



## What is Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home?

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his second encyclical letter to all peoples of Earth. The title comes from words of St. Francis of Assisi which means, “praise be...” With climate change affecting all of us, Laudato Si’ is a timely document on care of our common home.

Through consultation with Scientists, Theologians, Economics, Youth and Religious from around the world, he shares a common concern. It is a hopeful document that gives a faith perspective on our role in protecting Earth.

“I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.

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## Care for Our Common Home



**Retreat Day at  
Church of St Bernard  
212 Church Street E  
Cologne MN 55322**

**September 17, 2022  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
(Includes 5:00 pm Sunday Mass)**

Offered by  
St Bernard’s Care for Creation Team

## Laudato Si' Quotations

"the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters."

"If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple. If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behavior."

"Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature."

"Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."



## Purpose of the Retreat

The purpose of the retreat is to renew our care of our common home by:

- ◆ Recalling stories about creation from the Old Testament Book of Genesis — and God saw that all was good...
- ◆ Seeing Jesus in the New Testament as the first born of all creation...
- ◆ Reflecting on the Gospel of Creation as creation itself has a story to tell
- ◆ Reflecting on current teachings of Pope Francis and the Church for all of us being stewards of creation
- ◆ Taking time to see creation differently through reflection on how we see the Creator, and creation by walking through the Creation Story
- ◆ Seeing the interconnectedness between all parts of creation, care for those who are poor and disadvantaged, and my call as a disciple of Jesus
- ◆ Deepening my personal relationship with Earth by choices I make to better my home
- ◆ Taking action as a parish to better steward the gifts of our Earth, and sharing them with the poor
- ◆ Taking time to pray, reflect on and celebrate our responsibility for our Common Home



## Schedule

9:30	Arrival
10:00	Welcome Orientation to the day  Fr Kevin Clinton Sr Kathleen Storms, SSND  Archbishop Hebda video
10:00	Opening Prayer  Introduction of participants
10:45	Care for our Common Home according to Pope Francis in Laudato Si'?" Marks of Creation; one, holy, catholic, sacramental
11:15	Seeing Things Differently Integral Ecology video Views of God and Creation From Genesis and Science Professor Sakimoto video Integral Ecological Conversion Small group Sharing
12:30	Lunch and Reflection break
2:00	Creation Story Walk
3:00	Small group Reflect & Share
3:45	Where do we go from Here? Individual/parish responses
5:00	Twenty-five Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass

