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Each year, throughout the world, Christian communities celebrate the **Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4**. With the publication of *Laudato Si', Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis in 2015, the Catholic Church has officially participated.

The theme for this year's celebration is *Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope*. It is a time to consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social, and political ways of living. This year, in particular, the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic have revealed the need for just and sustainable systems. We are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other.

On behalf of our Stewards of Our Common Home team, I encourage you to join Christians around the world in renewing our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. We offer these suggestions:

- Celebration
 - Include songs of praise and thanksgiving for creation
 - Give thanks for creation in the introduction to outdoor Masses
 - Intercede for courage to care for the poor and for the earth
- Conversion
 - Study 'Laudato Si', especially Chapter 6
 - Examine one's consumption habits
 - Pray for reconciliation with God, neighbor, and the earth
- Commitment
 - Use, share and publish [the St. Francis Pledge](#)
 - Add '[Laudato Si'](#) quote to weekly bulletin
 - Make one lifestyle change

I encourage you to check the following pages to find more information and resources:

1. <https://seasonofcreation.org>
2. <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/>
3. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf>

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