



First Friday Reflection

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TWELVE FIRST FRIDAY STEPS TOWARDS THE LAUDATO SI GOALS



AWARENESS

"Love for society and commitment to the common good move us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a 'culture of care' which permeates all of society." (Pope Francis)

PRAYER

God of love,
foster in us the spirit of
being interconnected
with all what is living
and fill us with gratitude
for every gift
of your goodness.

Amen.

ACTION

Learn to know the organizations in the neighborhood, participate in their campaigns and initiatives for the environment, keep in touch and report to others in the Chevalier Family.

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Image from <https://www.thethirdpole.net/content/uploads/2021/05/mangrove-reforestation-Satun-Thailand-1-scaled.jpg>

Australian Reflection

Laudate Deum, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation released on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, is a 'call to arms' on *Laudato Si's* actions. It clearly outlines the reality of the climate change crisis, and it calls for individual and community response as "everything is connected and nothing is saved alone" (LD19). As people living *Spirituality of the Heart*, our hearts are moved by the idea that "Jesus was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder..." (LD64). "...We know that authentic faith [connection with the Sacred Heart] not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals, and sheds light on our relationship to others and with Creation as a whole" (LD 61). Our hearts echo the thought "the world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?" (LD65).

This month, you are invited to read [Laudate Deum](#) and consider what actions we, as the Laity of the Chevalier Family (LCF), can take to respond. Let the Australian LCF Council know your ideas at aus.lcf@gmail.com.