

January 28 'Living the Laudato Si' event

To start the year 2017 in a good stead, the group will host a sharing event entitled 'Living the Laudato Si' from 9h-13h on Saturday, 28 January 2017 with Fr. Bob Vitillo as the main facilitator.

Objectives:

1. To revisit and reaffirm the basic messages of Laudato Si and capture the spiritual underpinning of the need to care for our Common Home.
2. To re-energise the core team, interested parishioners and other Christian groups who are committed to the spirit of Laudato Si
3. To identify ways to link the 'care for our Common Home (Cry of the Earth) with the Cry of the Poor' which is part of the Catholic social teaching, and contribute to justice and peace for humanity and the planet
4. To share and discuss practical actions we have been doing and could do in our personal and parish community life
5. To form an ecumenical network on 'Living the Laudato Si'
6. To come up with an outline of activities for the next 1-2 years.

Design of Jan. 28 event

It will be a half-day interactive workshop using audio-visuals, music, art and poetry.

Target participants

The LS community will actively disseminate, reach out and recruit participants to the retreat from the parish, especially ministry leaders and young adults and other Christian faiths beyond our parish (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Geneva, Anglican church, etc). This can be done through one on one communications/invitations, bulletin announcements, speaking about the event during mass.

Draft Programme

Main facilitator: Fr. Bob Vitillo

Time	Session	Actions
8:30-9:00	Registration, coffee	
9:00-10:00	Formal welcome, brief introduction on Laudato Si, Q&A	Participants are provided a link/copies to the LS document and video of Fr. James Martin and CAFOD in advance, so the session could focus more on questions and talk about fundamental links

		between man and God, neighbours and creation
10:00-11:00	Sharing of good practices, existing Geneva activities (e.g. Partager), policy work to live out Laudato Si; Committing to getting our hands dirty.	Group work including report back
11:00-12:00	Moving forward What can we do creatively particularly on Linking the Cry of the Earth to the Cry of the Poor (SDG goals, displacement and migration, etc Making more people care and share - 'empathy', humanity	Group work including report back. Reflections can be in the form of songs, poetry, artwork (plenary discussion – we can only have one workshop due to time limitation)
12:00-13:00	Reflections on the activities Wrap up End with an uplifting song	

Practical logistics

- Need to book the room as early as now (*reserved & done c/o Annie*)
- Need to prepare background materials and room decorations like some LSC existing posters (promote the event in January after mass, whilst recruiting participants). *Shyami and John will help prepare Laudato Si Quotes to be posted on the wall.*
- Core team will provide coffee, tea and water
- Participants encouraged to share snacks
- Core team act as mini group facilitators
- Need to come up with more guide questions on the group work

Despite this seemingly loose agenda, we need to plan the special sessions more carefully and assign time blocks just so we ensure that we cover what we want in the half day event.