



Today we continue our “Season of Creation” at St. Matthew. The *Laudato Si’* pledge sheets are available again at the altar rail for those who have not yet had a chance to sign. Signing the pledge connects us with the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) for further education and action on climate change and caring for our common home.

If you would like to connect with GCCM online, their web address is <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/> - well worth the visit! The facts of climate change, which threatens to destroy the world that we wish to pass on to our grandchildren, are summarized on the GCCM site: <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/climate-change-facts/> If you wish, you can sign the Pledge online. That can be found at: [http://liveLaudatosi.org/](http://live Laudatosi.org/)

Our **Creation Collage** continues today and through next weekend. Everyone should continue bringing something that gives you joy, or helps you feel grateful about God’s Creation, and place it on the altar. You can bring a new item each week and watch our collage grow!

From *Laudato Si’*, we pray on these teachings of Pope Francis:

7) Scientific research on the environment is to be praised and used. Pope Francis does not try to “prove” anything about climate change in this document. He accepts the “best scientific research available today” and builds on it. As the other great Catholic social encyclicals analyzed such questions as capitalism, unions and fair wages, *Laudato Si’* draws upon both church teaching and contemporary findings from other fields—particularly science, in this case—to help modern-day people reflect on these questions.

8) Widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems. Pope Francis reserves his strongest criticism for the wealthy who ignore the problem of climate change and its effects on the poor. Why, he asks, are so many of the wealthy turning away from the poor? Selfishness evaporates the notion of the common good. In the world of *Laudato Si’* there is no room for selfishness or indifference. One cannot care for the rest of nature “if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings.”

The *Laudato Si’* Pledge:

“Answering Pope Francis’ urgent call in *Laudato Si*, I pledge to:

- **Pray for and with creation**
- **Live more simply**
- **Advocate to protect our common home.**