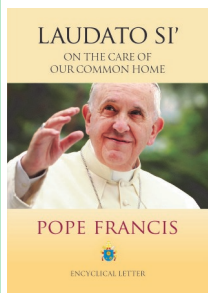


Reading *Laudato Si'* (6)



We are close to the end of our journey with Pope Francis through *Laudato Si'*. He began the encyclical analyzing the current situation (chapter 1) and then proposed the theological principles following the social teachings of the Church (chapters 2-3). The fourth chapter proposed an "integral ecology". Today, in the fifth chapter, we will consider those "lines of approach and action" the Pope suggests in this second-to-last chapter.

These "major paths of dialogue" or arenas are: the international community; national and local policies; the decision-making processes; politics and economy seeking human fulfillment; and finally, what religion can add to this dialogue.

The Church steps into this discussion with humility, "Here I would state once more that the Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics" (188), but as a third party that has no private interest: "What is needed is a politics which is far-sighted and capable of a new, integral and interdisciplinary approach" (197).

From this perspective, Pope Francis avoids particulars, but rather remains at a more general level of principles and proposals. I would like to underline some main principles that are present in this chapter as well as in other passages of the social teachings of the Catholic Church, beginning with other chapters of this encyclical.

Human dimension of progress and ecology: "Today, in view of the common good, there is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life" (189). Therefore, "A technological and economic development which does not leave in its wake a better world and an integrally higher quality of life cannot be considered progress" (194).

Values are needed: "even the best mechanisms can break down when there are no worthy goals and values, or a genuine and profound humanism to serve as the basis of a noble and generous society" (181).

Interdisciplinary approach: the Pope proposes time and again a wider approach that "motivates us to ensure that solutions are proposed from a global perspective... Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan" (164).

Encouragement: "Political and institutional frameworks do not exist simply to avoid bad practice, but also to promote best practice, to stimulate creativity in seeking new solutions and to encourage individual or group initiatives" (177). "On the national and local levels, much still needs to be done... Truly, much can be done!" (180).

Hopefully Catholics and people of good will would open their hearts to this fresh air. Each of us is called to care for our common home according to its own means and vocation. This is why we created a "sustainability committee" to contribute as families, and as parish family, to this common effort.

I would invite you to the panel on the encyclical that QofA will host this coming Wednesday. There, we can continue this important discussion and learn more the heart of the Pope, especially as he prepares for his trip to the United States. I'd like to see you there!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Monday, August 17: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Leila Ndiaye
9:00 a.m. +Paloma Soto

Tuesday, August 18: Weekday

6:30 a.m. (L) Bill and Gina Gavin and Family
9:00 a.m. +Lily Maria de Souza

Wednesday, August 19: Weekday

6:30 a.m. +Thomas Carroll
9:00 a.m. +Jose Maria Deduque

Thursday, August 20: St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church

6:30 a.m. (L) Tim and Mary Ann Harroun
9:00 a.m. +Mathew de Souza

Friday, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope

6:30 a.m. (L) Jonathan Green
9:00 a.m. +Climaco and Rosinhade de Silva

Saturday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. (L) Consuelo De Los Santos
5:00 p.m. +Elenita Velez
7:00 p.m. +Fernando Vara

Sunday, August 23: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. (L) Doreen Ahakuelo
9:00 a.m. +Francesca Castro
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00 p.m. +Purificacion Realica



Faith Nugget Celebrating Mary, Queen of Apostles

This weekend we celebrate our parish's patron saint: Mary, Queen of Apostles. Pray for the Parish Family and ask for discernment to consider how you can make ours a more thriving and vibrant community. You can use this most ancient and venerable prayer to Mary that we have as our parish prayer:

We turn to you for protection, holy Mother of God.

Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs.

Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin

Operations and Stewardship Update

In the parish e-mail last Friday - sign up to receive the weekly e-mail by visiting bitly.com/QofAemail - we invited parishioners to complete a personality test. Knowing one's personality is a window into better understanding the unique gifts God has given each of us. Take a personality test today at www.16personalities.com and prayerfully consider how God has equipped you to bring more souls to His Son.

Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

David Stemcosky, Barbara Mazur, Irma Mori, Nadine Montegu, Rita Sulit, Jason Bani, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Bridgetta Jenkins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlyn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith, Andres Encinas Fernandez, Sabrina Fernandez Numbella, Lula Tesfu, Monte Moyer, Joseph Luong Bui, Jeanie Miller, Carol D. Otani, Jean Seitz, Noah Mabaya, Robert McMurrer, Anne Jenkins.

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., August 16: Religious Education Registration
Adoration Chapel 5-7p.m. Prayer Group

Mon., August 17:

Tues., August 18:

Wed., August 19:
Hannan Hall 7-8:30p.m. *Laudato Si* Panel
Parish Office 7:30-8:45p.m. Baptism Class in Spanish

Thurs., August 20:
Parish Office 6:30-8p.m. Legion of Mary
Church 7:30-8:30p.m. Holy Hour

Fri., August 21:
Chapel 11a.m.-12 Noon Children's Adoration Hour
Cupertino Room 7-9p.m. Hispanic Legion of Mary

Sat., August 22:
School 4-6:30p.m. Spanish Prayer Group
Choir Room 7-9p.m. Ghana Choir Rehearsal

Sun., August 23:
Hannan Hall 2-5:30p.m. Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 5-7p.m. Prayer Group

Open House and Ice Cream Social/ Used Uniform Sale and Exchange

All new and returning QofA families are invited to the Open House and Ice Cream Social on **Aug. 28** from 3-4:30p.m. in the School. There will also be another Used Uniform Sale and Exchange held in Hannan Hall starting at 3p.m. The first day of school is Aug. 31, so don't miss out on this last bit of summer fun before school starts!



The Gospel of Creation A New Vision

A Panel on Pope Francis' New Encyclical *Laudato Si*
Hosted at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church
Wednesday, August 19, 7pm, Hannan Hall

Learn about Pope Francis' new encyclical *Laudato Si* by attending a panel presentation at QofA on Wednesday, **Aug. 19** at 7p.m. Panelists include Joseph M. Arias (S.T.D. candidate) and Dr. Robert J. Matava, Ph.D. of the Christendom College Graduate School. The panel will be moderated by Pastor Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Ph.D. The event will take place in Hannan Hall. Limited seating. To RSVP, send an e-mail to general@queenofapostles.org.

Attend a Planned Giving Seminar at QofA on Aug. 26

QofA will be hosting a Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar, sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington, on **Aug. 26** in Hannan Hall. There will be two sessions of this seminar: from 9:30-11a.m. and from 7-8:30p.m. RSVP to d.cook@queenofapostles.org. Topics to be covered include: Catholic teaching on healthcare decisions; legal steps required in personal planning, wills, and powers of attorney; and considerations for charitable gift planning.



Registration Sunday Today, Aug. 16 in the Vestibule!

Religious Education Registration will take place before and after all Masses today in the vestibule. If you have not registered your children, kindergarten (at least 5 years old) through high school, stop by the registration table today! New registrations must be accompanied with a birth certificate and a baptismal certificate. The R.E. school year begins Sunday, **Sept. 13** from 9-10:15a.m. at QofA School. Tuition is \$70 for 1 child, \$100 for 2 children, \$130 for 3+ children in the same family. Payment is expected at the time of registration. A registration form is available on the website, <http://www.queenofapostles.org/religious-education>.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you curious about what the Catholic Church teaches? Were you baptized Catholic but missed receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation, and hope to receive them? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. Classes meet on Mondays from 7-8p.m. in the Parish Office conference room. The first class is **Sept. 14**. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (703) 354-8711 or email general@queenofapostles.org.



Diocesan-Wide Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sunday, **Aug. 23**, from 3-4p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Winchester Street, Warrenton. We hope you can join us in prayer.



Fifth Centenary Celebration of the Birth of St. Teresa of Avila "Living the Teresian Spirituality in Our World Today"

Saturday, **Sept. 19** at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9a.m.-3:30p.m. Guest speakers Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh OCD, Fr. Marc Foley OCD, Ken Vaughan OCDS. Free and open to the public. Visit our website stteresa500celebration.wordpress.com or contact Suzanne Kouchervy at eskouch@aol.com or Bernadette Macdonald mmacdn@verizon.net with questions.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1965 or 1990? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2015 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, **Oct. 25** at 2:30p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington. Contact the parish office to register no later than Sept. 25. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.



THANK YOU for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend, the collection will go towards **Christ House** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend, the collection will go towards the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.