



Laudato Si **On Care of Our Common Home**

With Laudato Si, our Holy Father has taught us that contemplating God's creation and caring for it are Works of Mercy which can bring us closer to God's Presence.

Our Lady of the Mountain already is caring for our little corner of God's creation in an amazing number of ways...recycling paper, clothing, cans and bottles, reducing water use, planting trees and bulbs, and so many more. We are also caring for the poor through St.Vincent de Paul, the Ashland Food Bank, and many other ways.

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis warns us that unsettled global situations can easily become "a seedbed for collective selfishness". We would like to gather **YOUR** ideas about how we can "sow beauty, not pollution and destruction" in our homes, in our Parish, and in our City.

In the Breezeway is a "Laudato Si Suggestion Box", with paper and pencils for you to add your ideas. A poster with OLM's current "care for the earth" activities is nearby, with ideas to get your creativity flowing.

You are also welcome to share your thoughts by email or phone to members of the Study Group:

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We hope to be swamped with your suggestions, as the Holy Spirit works through each of us to accomplish God's work!