



PRAYING WITH CREATION: A LAUDATO SI' RETREAT

Laudato Si' and the body of Catholic teaching on care of creation invite us to see that "Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." (Laudato Si', 12) We invite you to join us on a prayerful retreat to meditate on creation and our place in it.

Date: Saturday, May 12

Time: 9:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart Parish, 21 Follen Rd, Lexington, MA 02421

Description: The Psalms tell us "The heavens proclaim the glory of God!" How might we deepen our relationship with God through the gift of creation? How might our faith inspire intimacy and care for our earth and all its inhabitants, as Pope Francis asks in Laudato Si'? This retreat will include prayer, guided contemplative practices, interactive exercises, and personal and group reflection. We will be going to the nearby conservation area of the Great Meadows for part of our time together. Join us as we explore this journey of *ecological conversion* for our spirits, and the planet.

Cost: Donation suggested of \$10-30.

Transportation: Carpooling is encouraged. Bus 62/76 runs from Alewife Station on Saturday at 8 and 9:10. Sacred Heart is at the corner of Pleasant St. and Mass. Ave. Return at 4:38.

Registration is required.

Schedule:

9:00 Sign-in

9:30 Retreat Start

12:00-12:45 Brown bag lunch

4:30 Retreat end

5:00 Optional mass at St. Brigid, 1997 Mass. Ave, Lexington

Facilitator:

Christina Leaño serves as the Associate Director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, an international network of over 650 Catholic institutions and thousands of individuals turning Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical into action for climate justice. Christina is also a retreat leader and meditation teacher who facilitates programs as a Colleague at Bethany House of Prayer and through the Genesis School for Contemplative Living. She holds degrees from Yale University and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

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