



September 1, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On this second World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, I invite the faithful and all people of good will to hear the prophetic words of Pope Francis as he focuses our attention on “the sufferings of the poor and the devastation of the environment.”

On this day, with the Orthodox Churches, Christian communities, and other religions, we are particularly called to unite in prayer and action as we respond to the worldwide refugee crisis. In this crisis, the world’s most vulnerable people bear the heaviest burden – those who are least responsible for the ecological damage we have done suffer the greatest impact.

As Pope Francis says, “When we mistreat nature, we also mistreat human beings.”

I invite the faithful to visit the Archdiocese of Vancouver’s [Laudato Si’](#) webpage to read the Holy Father’s message for 2016 and his prayer for creation, to find valuable resources and to learn about concrete actions that can be taken here at home.

God has entrusted this wondrous world to our care. Let us ask for his help as we thank him for our common home, strive to overcome our selfish ways, and work to be the stewards of creation he has called us to be.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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