

Module 1 Introduction to Care for Our Common Home

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis asserts that, to “Care for our Common Home” in this time of urgent need, collectively humanity must shift towards a spirituality of kinship and integral ecology that encourages an ethic of accompaniment within the Earth community. In the lessons within this module, through their engagement with a variety of media and texts, students will:

- Develop an understanding of worldview (lens)
- Explore an overview of Pope Francis’ letter to humanity: *Laudato Si'*
- Develop an understanding of Indigenous wisdom with respect to Care For Our Common Home
- Examine Catholic Social Teaching with respect to Care For Our Common Home
- Apply Essential Citizenship Competencies to analyze social justice issues
- Reflect on the responsibilities of kinship as a way of being in the world

Lesson 1: Understanding Worldview and Our Relationship with Creation

Lesson 2: Introduction to *Laudato Si'*

Lesson 3: An Indigenous Lens

Lesson 4-8: The Lens of Catholic Social Teaching (human dignity, solidarity, preferential option for the poor, care for creation, rights and responsibilities)

Lesson 9: Applied Catholic Social Teaching and Essential Citizenship Competencies

Lesson 10: Creating the Classroom Kinship Covenant

Module 2 A Response *For Our Common Home*

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis stresses that the “whole human family [must join] together to seek a sustainable and integral development” (LS, 13). In this module, students will collaboratively engage in learning to both understand and respond to the symptoms and root causes of urgent threats to our Common Home in the Amazon region. In the lessons within this module, through their engagement with a variety of media and texts, students will:

- Explore the value, importance, and threats to the Amazon biome
- Develop an understanding of integral ecology
- Examine catholic social teaching of Participation and Dignity of Work in *For our Common Home*
- Appreciate the importance of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Investigate process of agency and advocacy for actions of citizenship
- Reflect on learning and identify next steps including citizenship actions
- Examine the initial steps in ecological conversion

Lesson 0: Sacred Spaces (optional introductory)

Lesson 1: Integral Ecology

Lesson 2: Participation

Lesson 3: Actions and Agents of Solidarity

Lesson 4: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Lesson 5: Advocacy

Lesson 6: Towards Ecological Conversion