

Family (nuclear, extended, church)



Nature

CLC way of Life
3 Pillars



Relationships to:

Context & Process; group guides & coordinators met on September 15th and "looking ahead-sensing that the World generally and CLC Prairie Region specifically is in a state of change and flux," we were moved to consider a larger framework, an "umbrella" for this year's formation plan. An "umbrella" such as the Environment priority could also include and connect "Family" and "Commitment" dynamics.

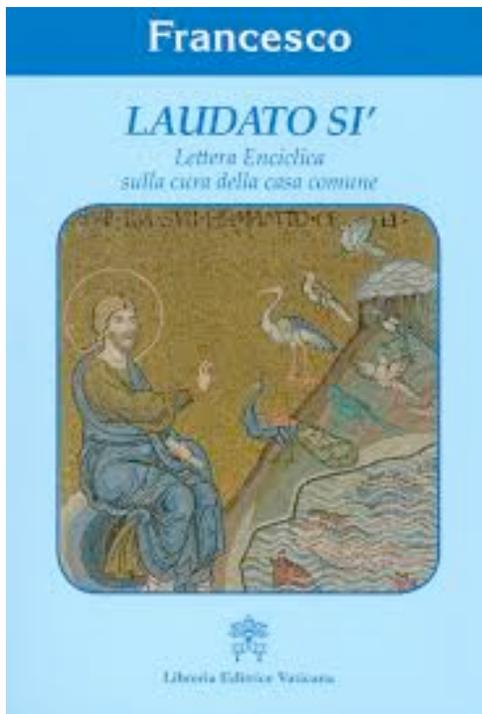
**Christian Life Community
Prairie Region
Fall Formation November 2015
Thunder Bay & Winnipeg**

The Grace we seek-a sense of awe and gratitude for the Trinity at work in us creating relationships with the planet, with families, with our CLC way of life.



There was strong consensus that our Fall 2015 formation project use the Laudato si Encyclical as a central resource. Preparation material would also support connections to Family and Commitment priorities.

Regional Council supported this suggestion. The plan was further developed at the October GG&C and through SKYPE meetings.



FORMATION NIGHT PROGRAM

NOV. 23, 2015- Winnipeg

NOV. 24, Thunder Bay

6:00 – 6:45 pm - Simple “environment-inspired” meal together.

6:45pm: Welcome and how do we come?
Opening Song: All creatures of our God and King (Canticle of the Sun)

Prairie Region Vision Statement

Opening Prayer and the grace we seek: a sense of awe and gratitude for the Trinity at work in us creating relationships with the planet, with families, with our CLC way of life.

Scripture : a collage of texts - Psalm 8;
Genesis 1: 1-2:3; Matthew 6: 25-33; Romans 8:18-28

Brief orientation of the encyclical letter Laudato Si' followed by a short video related to the environment....

Divide into triads : sharing one or two new awarenesses from reading the excerpts of the Encyclical.

For reflection: What is the new awareness of my relationship to the planet (nature – earth, water, stars, etc); to family (nuclear, extended, or family of faith, the church); to my own CLC way of life in my group?

8: 15 : plenary group to share the fruit of these triad conversations.

2nd round on what we heard – some common threads – from the triad sharing.

A "takeaway call to action" - as individuals, as community how can we act to strengthen relationships in our families, in our Christian Life Community and in our deepening commitment to care for the environment?

Evaluation/appropriation

Closing prayer - Encyclical prayer

As the planning evolved the theme of “relationship” came into sharper focus...

“Relationship” (and its synonyms) means an exchange of life between beings, a receiving and giving of life/be-ing, action (whether between humans and other humans, between humans and all creatures of the planet, between humans and God).

The encyclical has this reality of “relationship” as a central focus for all the parts of the document. It’s like a “thread” that weaves throughout the document.

Excerpts from the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* – on care of our common home, spoke of relationship, inter-connectedness, dialogue, interrelatedness, inter-dependence, communion, solidarity, etc..

Members and guests both in the triads and plenary related these themes to their families, work, community, refugees.

Resources

Laudato Si-excerpts by Charles Pottie Pate SJ.

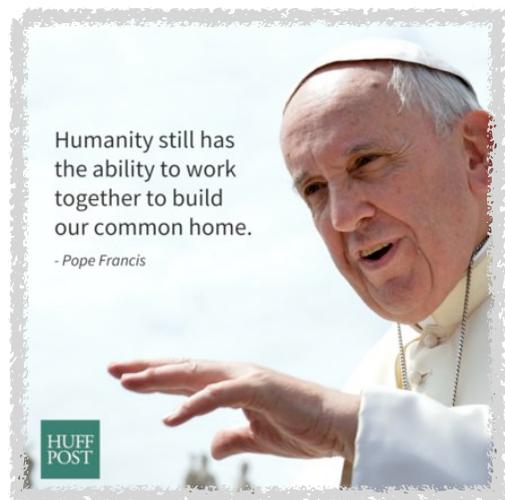
<https://vimeo.com/146733372>

Stewards of God's Creation video

<https://youtu.be/wvzF2rf7eMY>

Laudato Si A Canadian Response

["https://www.youtube.com/embed/Bti86O_Tw5A"](https://www.youtube.com/embed/Bti86O_Tw5A)



Examen on our Environmental Consciousness

Act of Presence: that all my desires, thoughts , words and actions be for your praise and service.

Thanksgiving: Giving thanks for the wonderful works of God's creation in our own physical environment; for the gift of the new Creation in Christ Jesus-the Alpha and Omega of all God's works; for the interrelationship of all things in the universe (physical, psychological, spiritual) rooted in the Source of all these gifts.

Asking the Holy Spirit for guidance: That I might see this day - all my desires, thoughts, words and actions - in the light of God's love for all God has created.

Questions to Guide this Review

- When have I been aware today of God's presence in creation?
- Have I prayed in gratitude for the gifts received from the earth?
- Was I attentive to God's abundance and the handiwork of others in all things I made use of today?
- In my purchases, have I considered the safety and dignity of those whose labour contribute to what I buy, eat, use, consume?
- Have I tried to learn more today about how to make a difference in my own small ways to protect and preserve our fragile common home?
- Do I use my influence as a citizen of the earth in whatever work I do to change policies and practices that take our natural bounty for granted? To lessen carbon emissions? That treat all God's creatures with compassion?
- Have I found ways to share what I no longer need, or to engage with others in developing an economy of sharing?
- Have I embodied the hope of Jesus' redemption which has healed all creation, and by baptism commissions each of us to continue this healing?

Gratitude and Sorrow: my response to this reflection. Asking grace to begin the next day in greater awareness.

End with Our Father

CLC Prairie Region Formation History
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Regional Formation Workshops & Resources (2004-2015)

- September 2004 Communal Discernment--Spiritual Exercises, Morris & Olsen-10 Movements of Discernment
- October 2004 Leadership--CLC Leadership Manual & Heroic Leadership by C. Loney
- February 2005 Visioning--Ignatian Invitation; Remember & Imagine-David Fleming SJ
- October 2005 -Individually Directed Retreat Day
- July 2006 Examining CLC Commitment-Lakeshore Retreat--Atlantic Resource
- -January 2007-Group Guide Workshop Elaine & Peter Regan-Nightingale
- February 2007-Communal Discernment Saturdays
- -July2007 Examining Commitment in CLC- Lakeshore Retreat-Atlantic Resource
- April 2008 Leadership Formation Encounter (LFE)-Lois Campbell, Gilles Michaud
- January 2009- Communal Apostolic Discernment Workshop (CAD)-Peter Bisson SJ
- October 2010- Listening Workshop & Skype with Thunder Bay- LFE Resource
- Fall 2011 Formation Project & SKYPE with Thunder Bay-Discerning Mission- Social Analysis Skills and Practice-LFE Resource & Social Analysis Linking Faith and Justice by Peter Henriot and Joe Holland
- March 2012-Group Guides' & Coordinators' Formation Session with Rockies & Thunder Bay members.
- November 2012-Regional Formation-"Principle & Foundation" Fr. Charles Pottie Pate & 450th Jubilee Celebration-SKYPE with Thunder Bay, Tabor, Ecuador and Ignatian Family guests.
- February 2013-Regional Retreat Day - Fr. Charles Pottie Pate SJ
- November 2013 - Fall Formation Event - Lebanon World Assembly Highlights/Service & Social.
- November 2014- Looking at our CLC "Frontiers" through the eyes of compassion. Lebanon World Assembly final document
- February 2015-Family Retreat Day-CLC Project 161
- November 2015-Laudato Si



