



St. Antony's Catholic College

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Year 8 Religious Education: Zones 1 & 2

Instructions for the week beginning Monday 1st June

Watch

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Care-for-our-common-home>

Read

The attached pages.

Listen to

Do

1. Watch the above clip again and make notes on what Pope Francis says we need to do as people to protect the planet. You should have at least five things you can do.
2. Read the following pages and make notes on:
 - a. What does St Francis of Assisi remind of us in #1 & #12
 - b. In #11 who should we not end up like and why?
 - c. What does indigenous mean?
 - d. In #146 what special care should we show?
3. Read the case study on Davi and make 5 bullet point notes about him.
4. Research who Francis of Assisi was and create a poster about him. (or write a list of bullet point facts)
5. Have you looked the May Altar homework. Chocolate will be provided for those who do it!!

Laudato Si'

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Five years on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, remains a profound invitation to everyone on the planet to care for our common home.

To mark the fifth anniversary of its publication, Pope Francis has invited us all to participate in Laudato Si' week from 16-24 May 2020 and take action to care for creation.

[Download Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical](#) and find resources to reflect and respond to *Laudato Si'* in the light of your faith, including prayers, liturgies, a study guide and ideas for practical action, relating to climate change, the environment and sustainable development.

Creation is a caress of God

1 Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

12 What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

11 If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously.

82 It would be mistaken to view other living beings as mere objects subjected to arbitrary human domination. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus.

146 It is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. When they remain on their land, they themselves care for it best.

Davi Kopenawa Yanomami is founder and President of the Hutukara Yanomami Association, which defends the rights of the threatened Yanomami and Ye'kuana indigenous people of the Brazilian Amazon.'

"Our country, Brazil, is very beautiful," says Davi Kopenawa passionately, "full of harmony, trees, it has lots of clean water. But the Brazilian Government does not want to protect and preserve nature. It wants to take the wealth from the land. It will destroy the forest, it will destroy the indigenous people... So that is why I am worried and angry, very angry."

Small-scale illegal gold miners and farmers have repeatedly invaded Yanomami indigenous territory, burning down the forest and polluting rivers. On top of this, the Yanomami and Ye'kuana people are increasingly feeling the impacts of climate change, affecting their health and environment.

Like all his people, Davi is deeply attuned to the natural world, and the changes he perceives are profound. "We indigenous communities are saying, look at the sky, it's changing, the sun is changing, the rain is changing."

Davi warns that the world will suffer if the rainforest is destroyed. "The people in the cities, we want them to listen and believe us. They don't see how things are changing." From his home in Watoriki, 'The Mountain of the Wind', he urges us to act: "Think of the earth. It is life. The forest is life. Water is life."

The Yanomami and Ye'kuana people speak up for our threatened planet: "Hutukara defends the people, the land, the forest, the rivers, the animals, clean air, health and education. We, the Yanomami people, are the guardians of the forest of our country."

Fantastic Friday – Please email Mrs Wright (f.wright@st-antonys.com) by 12pm on a Friday if you'd like to share some of your best work of the week with her. She'd love to see it!