

The Catholic Women's League of Canada Ontario Provincial Council

Care for Our Common Home May 2025 Initiatives

- May 16- 26: Laudato Si' Week
- May 24: 10th Anniversary Laudato Si'
- May 22nd: International Day for Biological Diversity

Laudato Si' "On Care for Our Common Home"

Pope Francis 2015 encyclical, [Laudato Si' \(On Care for Our Common Home\)](#) was the first Papal letter on the environment and the relationship between humanity and the earth.



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"*Laudato Si', mi' Signore*" – "*Praise be to you, my Lord*". In the words of this beautiful canticle, 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. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".^[1]

Chapter 1: It included warnings to take actions for a sustainable future.

- Pollution and Climate Change
- The Issue of Water
- Loss of Biodiversity

The [Laudato Si' Movement](#) anniversary theme is **Raise hope!** Their resources include [The Letter film](#) to explore Laudato Si' in a 2-hour event that is available to download.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY 2025

Harmony with nature and sustainable development

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22nd, the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. The theme for 2025 -is [Harmony with nature and sustainable development](#).

The League: Care for Our Common Home Resources/Resolutions

The national League theme 2019-2021.

[625A Our Common Home: A Crash Course \(PowerPoint, attachment 1\)](#)

- 2024.03 [Grant the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise Legal Authority to Investigate Environmental and Human Rights Abuses](#)
- 2023.01 [Combating Textile Waste in Canada](#)
- 2022.01 [Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste](#)
- 2018.02 [Setting a Standard for Products Marketed as "Flushable" resolution](#)
- Position Papers 2023 [Waste Management](#) / 2023 [Water](#)