



# LAUDATE DEUM

“TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOODWILL”

As educators for justice, we are committed to reflection, critical analysis and action in order to effect changes in the root causes and systems that endanger our planet and those who are most vulnerable. As we search for solutions we acknowledge the importance of listening to the voices of those who are most affected by the abuse of our common home. All our actions must be inspired by this spiritual and moral imperative. (*Being Artisans of Hope*, p. 17)



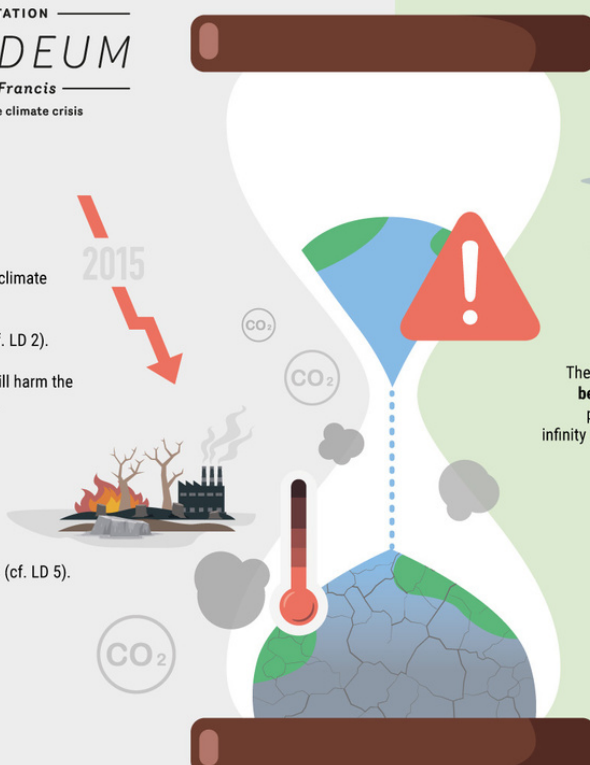
APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION  
**LAUDATE DEUM**  
Of the Holy Father Francis  
To all people of good will on the climate crisis  
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## SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF LAUDATO SI' IN 2015...

- We have not reacted strongly enough to the climate crisis (cf. LD 2).
- The world that welcomes us is crumbling (cf. LD 2).
- We see how the impact of climate change will harm the lives and families of many people (cf. LD 2).

## THE SIGNS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE:

- Extreme phenomena, unusual heat, droughts (cf. LD 5).
- Heavy rainfall, floods (cf. LD 5).
- Unusual acceleration of warming (cf. LD 6).
- Acceleration of the increase of greenhouse gases (cf. LD 11).



## HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?



Neither the **human causes** of climate change (cf. LD 11) nor its position in the **technocratic paradigm** can be doubted.

The **human being** believes himself to be **limitless**, "whose capacities and possibilities could be expanded to infinity thanks to technology" (cf. LD 21).

We believe that the world around us is an object of exploitation, of unbridled use, of **unlimited ambition** (cf. LD 25).



**LACK OF EFFICIENCY, OPPORTUNITIES, AND LASTING PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES** (cf. LD 34).

There are no organizations with real authority to ensure non-renounceable objectives (cf. LD 35).

Previous effective decision-making procedures were not sufficient (cf. LD 43).

Prior Climate Conferences have had a low level of implementation (personal interests are privileged over the common good) (cf. LD 52).

What is the point of preserving a power that will be remembered for its inability to intervene (cf. LD 60)?



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The whole of the universe shows the inexhaustible richness of God (cf. LD 63). Let us join this path of reconciliation with the world that shelters us (cf. LD 69). "There are no cultural changes without changes in people" (cf. LD 70). "Praise God": a human being who pretends to take his place becomes the worst danger to himself (cf. LD 73).

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- It should be a turning point to react and show that what has been done was worthwhile (cf. LD 54).
- It should help us to make a better energy transition (cf. LD 59).
- It should help us to get out of the logic of patchwork solutions in order to seek the common good and ensure the future of coming generations (cf. LD 58, 60).

This year, more than ever, unity is a prerequisite for success. COP28, and the first Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement, can be the turning point we need on climate action over this critical decade.

We know that if we do the right things now and take them to scale, we will create vast economic potential for everyone - North and South, East and West.

Together, we can accelerate a transition that puts our economies on the path toward a new low-carbon, high-growth, sustainable economic model in a way that is both transformational and just. We must all rise to the occasion. (Letter to the Parties of COP28)