**Laudato Si’ Video Process and Prayer**

**Introduction:** In 2015 Pope Francis turned a spotlight on our planet’s health when he wrote an Encyclical letter – which is a letter to all people. Laudato Si’, the name of this encyclical, means “Praise be to You” in Italian. The subtitle to this letter is “On Care for our Common Home”. This letter is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and urges all people to take swift and unified global action to protect our common home, planet Earth. Pope Francis challenges us to combat the growing effects of such things as global warming, environmental degradation, and many other issues of our day that are destroying our life and our planet.

As you watch this 5 minute animated video describing the Laudato Si’ document, listen for ways Pope Francis’ vision also depict our CSJ Mission and charism.

Show animated Laudato Si’ video: 5 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM>

**Reflection/Discussion questions:**

*What did I hear that was new to me?*

*What challenges me about what I heard?*

*To what might I be called?*

**Closing Prayer:**

Loving God,

Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all contained within it.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,

so that we can recognize our place as part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,

especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity

as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes

required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding

to the cry of Earth and the cry of every oppressed neighbor in need.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs

of a more relational and sustainable world.

We pray this in the name of Loving Unity

For every neighbor without distinction, including Earth herself.

Amen.