

## June 2020 Newsletter

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## ***Sowing Hope for the Planet***

**Campaign of the UISG**

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We hope that you are all safe and cared for in this time of global crisis. There is much turmoil in the world now from the pandemic, its effect on the world's economies, and social issues. Please pray that we treat each other with compassion and understanding in the difficulties we are all facing.



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This is an important year for Laudato Si'. Please join with us as we go forward in following the guidance of Pope Francis. We have a variety of resources that we are including in this newsletter, but please refer to our website, [sowinghopefortheplanet.org](http://sowinghopefortheplanet.org) for updates and news.

### Laudato Si' 5th Anniversary, 2020



Pope Francis signed his encyclical Laudato Si' on May 24, 2015. It has become a point of reference for the Church and Catholics as well as governments, environmental groups and movements worldwide. [The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Human Development](#) has announced that May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021 will constitute a special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year. The Pope encourages all to participate in the year long series of initiatives dedicated to putting the encyclical's teachings into action. For more information, go to this Vatican News article, [Special Week and Anniversary Year to mark 5 years of "Laudato Si"](#).



### Living Laudato Si': Reflecting on a Global Plan

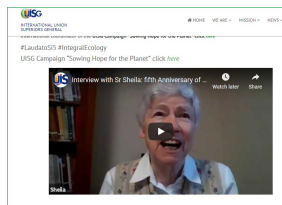
**10 June** - A webinar will be presented on 10 June, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Rome time. Pope Francis calls us to ponder how: "Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan". (LS 164) These words underlie an exciting session that explores a global plan for Laudato Si'. Presenters include Fr. Albert Parise, mccj, Sr. Catharine Barange, Sisters of St. Joseph de Lyons and Laura Noctor-King. The webinar will be in English, Italian, French and Spanish (simultaneous translation). Please read the flyer for more information and for a link to the Zoom link. Links to flyers: [English](#) - [Italiano](#) - [Français](#) - [Español](#)



Five years ago, Pope Francis asked us to care for Earth. Have we listened? The [National Catholic Reporter](#) has a series of articles, [Laudato Si' at Five](#), which cover aspects of environmentalism and activism inspired by Pope Francis's call to aid the earth. This article is a profile of activists as they use Laudato Si' as a guide in their efforts.

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## UISG Sowing Hope for the Planet: Interview with Sr Sheila Kinsey



Sr Sheila is the co-secretary of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of UISG and USG; she is also the international coordinator of the UISG Campaign “[Sowing Hope for the Planet](#)”. She shares with us how she is living the Spirituality of Integral Ecology as Franciscan Sister: “It is so clear to me that everything is interconnected. Laudato Si’ is praising God because everything is seen as brother or sister. We are relationship. What Pope Francis is trying to say to us is that crisis is both ecological and social. We cannot separate them. All of that has to do with relationship. We have to be in relationship with reality, we have to be able to come from our heart. A heart that we know has been touched by God. So we are able to reach to one another.”

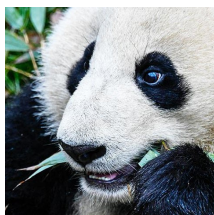
[For the video interview, follow this link.](#)

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## June International Days

**4 June - The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** highlights the importance and the right for children to enjoy special protection, especially those who are the victims of abuse and aggression. Video: work of the office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

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**5 June - World Environment Day** invites people to set aside their differences in pursuit of the health of the natural world. It is imperative to protect nature for future generations as many general practices today threaten the future integrity of animals, plants, and natural systems. The theme for 2020 is [biodiversity](#)

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**8 June** - *World Oceans Day* celebrates oceans as one of the most integral sources of life on Earth and encourages the alteration of human actions to preserve their beauty. By preserving the oceans, we protect that which affects countless food and medicine sources, ecosystems, and climates. Alleviating pressure upon them will ultimately increase the present and future health of the world



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**17 June** - *World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought*: *Desertification* is the degradation of land in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas. It is caused primarily by human activities and climatic variations. Desertification does not refer to the expansion of existing deserts. It occurs because dryland ecosystems,

which cover over one third of the world's land area, are extremely vulnerable to overexploitation and inappropriate land use. Poverty, political instability, deforestation, overgrazing and bad irrigation practices can all undermine the productivity of the land. The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The day is a unique moment to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem-solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels.

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May the peace of Christ be with you!

*Sr. Sheila Kinsey, FCJM*

*Campaign Coordinator Sowing Hope for the Planet.*

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