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## Laudato Si Week - May 16-24, 2020

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls us to the daring attitude of seeing the principles and actions proposed by the Encyclical in 2015.

Living the “Laudato Si” week requires looking at the past, the present and the future. Gazing at the future gives rise to the hope of a sustainable development process.

Human beings have caused the most serious socio-environmental crisis in a short time on the planet. The current imbalances are caused due to the direction and goals of technological and economic growth. As Laudato Si says, seeking only one technical remedy for each environmental problem is to isolate things that are actually interdependent. All of this shows the urgent need for us to move forward in a bold cultural revolution. (LS 111 and LS 114). Moreover, it is necessary to overcome the relativism that “everything that does not serve economic interests is irrelevant” (LS 122).

As Pope Francis opines, the hope of future points to the humanitarian horizon of solidarity, family spirit and fraternal love, where planetary restitution and socio-environmental restoration must take place, which depends solely on human decision. It is necessary to think and discuss the conditions of life and survival of humanity and to be honest to debate on the models of development, production and consumption. Everything is interconnected. No economic and environmental development can take place with existence of the social injustice which puts millions of people in poverty.

Pope Francis proposes a prophetic, restorative word and action that, more than 300 years ago, Father Medaille proposed for humanity devastated by war and destruction: unity.

Living the Laudato Si week revives the Sisters of St. Joseph's of Chambéry to live the Charism of communion, and this calls us to be a Living Gospel. “Choices have an impact on society and the planet” (cf. Const. P. 6).

This initiative calls us to rediscover, how each one's destiny is linked to that of the others and to rediscover the value of things and people, because “everything is interconnected”.

The JPIC Commission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry invites you to promote prayer, reflection and implementation of concrete action. See Pope Francis' Message at the link: [https:// https://laudatosiweek.org/](https://laudatosiweek.org/).

Laudato Si Week in unity.

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