



Bishop's *Circular*

For Priests / Sisters

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Dear and Rev. Fathers,

Greetings and prayerful wishes Bishop's House, Thuckalay!

I am glad that you have learned to utilise the lockdown period to render your time and services to your parishioners and the needy. You are close to them giving them hope and strength spiritually and materially. I appreciate and congratulate your selfless services and generosity in taking great care of our people. I am coming to you again with the invitation of our beloved Holy Father who loves us and cares for us and the entire creation. If you read his letters and writings especially these days will understand his passionate concern for the poor and the Earth.

As I passed on to you the information yesterday; to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the encyclical "*Laudato Si*" Pope Francis invites the Catholic throughout the world to participate in "*Laudato Si week*", from 16 to 24 May 2020. It is a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical "*Laudato Si*" on the "Care of the Common Home". Pope renews his urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis: the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor which cannot continue. Let's take care of creation, a gift of our creator God, the Pope says.

We are called up to celebrate *Laudato Si week* in an act of spirituality and service to the humanity and to stand united with our brothers and sisters in faith as we grow through the crisis of the moment to build a better tomorrow. The nine days program (16-24-May) are the thematic presentation which you will see the attached English format. Kindly pray with the people either in common or guide the people to celebrate in homes, giving due regards to the directives enforced by the lockdown. The Tamil version of the format will reach you through e-book in our whatsapp group day by day. The attached English booklet is self-explanatory, and you may prepare to guide your parishioners accordingly.

I wish and pray that you may be guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit in all your endeavours for the good of your parish community. May the Risen Lord bless you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

+ **George Rajendran SDB**
Bishop of Thuckalay

