

WHAT: WALK FOR CREATION
WHEN: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
September 1, 2017, 4:00 am to 8:00 am
WHERE: BURNHAM GREEN, LUNETTA PARK
WHO: ALL PEOPLE OF GOODWILL

CONCEPT NOTE

Excerpt from Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for our Common Home: Laudato Si'

I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. (LS#14)

In response to the message and call of Pope Francis, the Global Catholic Climate Movement-Pilipinas, together with various faith-communities and ecological and social movements, will celebrate September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care Creation instituted by Pope Francis in 2015¹ to mark the opening of the Season of Creation with a massive “Walk for Creation”.

This activity hopes to gather “all people of goodwill” to pray for and with creation, to encourage each other to live a simple lifestyle and to commit to advocacies to care for mother Earth, our Common Home. Together we will celebrate the interconnectedness of all and the many efforts to bring to life the message of Laudato Si, to hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To praise God as Creator, celebrate the goodness and beauty of creation and the spirit at work in all our initiatives in caring for our common home
2. Inspire one another to hear both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor
3. Promote September 1 as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation as the start of the Season of Creation.

The day/program may look like this:

1. Concentration in Luneta at 4:00am
2. Walk around Burnham Green at 4:15

¹ https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150806_lettera-giornata-cura-creato.html

3. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer for Our Earth at 5:00am
4. Program: Songs, Dances, etc. for Mother Earth from 7:00am to 8:00am.
5. Call to Action: Laudato Si Pledge

KEY COMMITTEES:

1. Steering Committee and General Secretariat:
2. Liturgy
3. Program and Production
4. Marketing, Mass Media and Social Network
5. Security, Marshalls, Mobilization, Marching Flow
6. Ways and Means
7. Waste Management
9. First Aid
10. Committee for the Signing of the Laudato Si Pledge

Other suggestions:

- *mention in the invitation letter that this will be a "zero-waste" event*
- *ask participants to bring re-usables (no plastic bottles, etc.)*

Suggestion on Possible Activities during the Event:

- Eucharist
- song and dances
- exhibit, booths
- Laudato Si Pledge signing
- video showing/ short video clips (green initiatives and programs)
- prayer led by youth
- El Gamma Penumbra video about Mother Earth
- CAFOD Laudato Si' animation video
- video of Pope Francis
- we could play the song Masdan Mo ang Kapaligiran by ASIN
- Angelus by Abp. Soc Villegas