

Responsible Joy, Genuine Praise

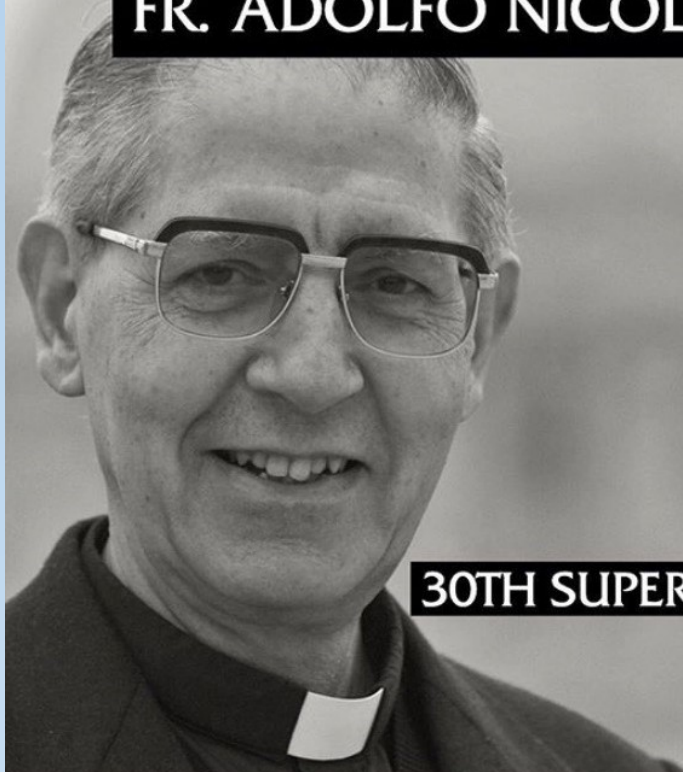


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1936-2020

30TH SUPERIOR GENERAL



*Depth, Universality, and
Learned Ministry:
Challenges to Jesuit Higher
Education Today*

Remarks at the meeting of Jesuit
University Presidents, Mexico City,
April 23, 2010

“My hope . . . is that we can move . . . to the establishment of operational consortia among our universities . . . [among these] a consortium focused on our shared concerns about global environmental degradation which affects more directly and painfully the lives of the poor, with a view to enabling a more sustainable future for our world.”

***Laudato Sí* is the 296th Encyclical since Pope Benedict XIV recovered this form of papal communication in 1740.**

***Laudato Sí* is the first encyclical to offer a sustained reflection on our relationship to the natural world and with that, a fresh appraisal of our relationship with ourselves, each other, and God.**

The closest any previous encyclicals got to this topic were two commemorating St. Francis.

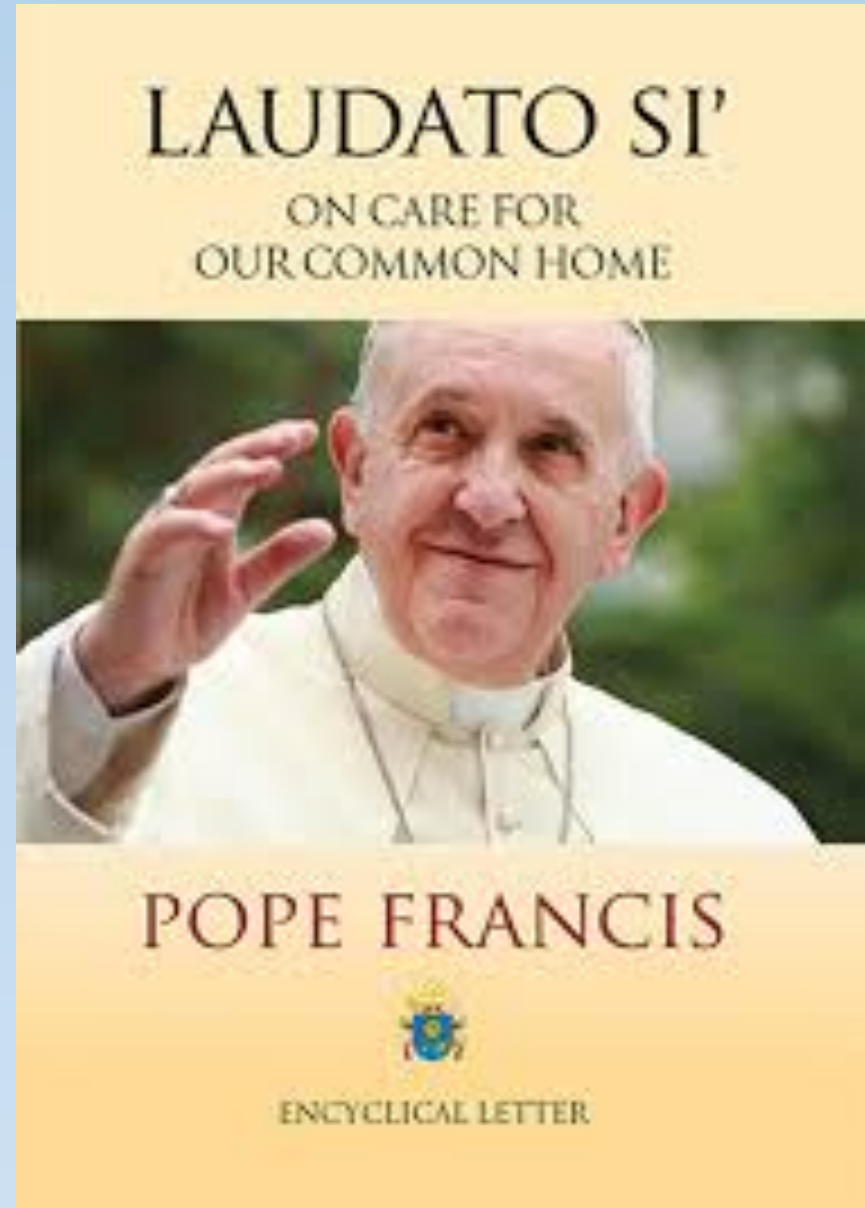
***Auspicato Concessum* Leo XIII 1882**

7th centenary of St. Francis' birth

***Rite Expiatris* Pius XI 1926**

7th centenary of St. Francis' death

Joy Praise



The Spirit of Pope Francis . . .

Joy

Evangelii Gaudium 2013

The Joy of Jesus

Morning meditation, Tuesday,
December 3, 2013

Laudato Sí 2015

“The world is a joyful mystery”¹²

But how *responsible* is our joy if our actions make “the earth, our home . . . look more and more like an immense pile of filth”?²¹

“we must reject [the idea] that our being created in God’s image justifies absolute domination over other creatures; [there is] a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature.”⁶⁷

Praise

The Prayer of Praise

Morning meditation, Tuesday,
January 28, 2014

“Laudato sí, mi’ Signore”¹

But how *genuine* is our praise if “thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence” because of our actions?³³

“Other living beings have a value of their own In God’s eyes: by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory”⁶⁹

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020

Responsorial Psalm
Verse 4 of Psalm 27:
One thing I ask of the
Lord; this I seek: to
Dwell in the house of
the Lord all the
days of my life, that I
may gaze on the
loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his
temple.



Gospel Reading
John 17:1-11
I glorified you on earth
by accomplishing the
work that you gave
me to do . . . I have
been glorified in them.
And now I will no
longer be in
the world, but they are
in the world.

**Joy,
with responsibility
to nature**



**Praise,
with
all of nature**



2010

“promote depth of thought and imagination”



2011

create a “living textbook” in environmental science and ethics

Healing Earth

Healing Earth is a free access, online textbook in environmental science that combines ethical analysis, spiritual reflection, and a call to action - - fully expressive of Pope Francis' *integral ecology*.

April 2015



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