

St. Bruno's Green Team Meeting 4-7-2016

Present: Guest Joe Meyers Bill Bosenbecker, Mary and Don Monteleone, Mary Pfaff, Kathy Plaisance, Carol and Tom Pinter, Floss and Dick Whalen

Opening Prayer-Tom

Guest speaker-Laudato Si!

Joe Meyer, a parish son, an enthusiastic young Environmental Science teacher at MUHS and executive director of the Milwaukee based [Laudato Si' Project](#) spoke to us about his work of "trying to **reconnect humanity to natural world via education, stewardship (restorative ecology), and recreation**. He described his many and varied "hands-on, on-site learning" projects with his students: prairie restoration; pollination-pollinator habitat development via a grant, invasive species removal, maple syrup production, bird banding, bluebird house locating, and more. These were documented in an interesting PowerPoint of actual photos of MUHS students in action.

He and his students are active at various sites throughout Southeastern WI: Horicon, Holy Hill, and the Schoenstatt retreat center, "**living out Laudato Si**" and helping others to do so, too. Joe is interested in connecting people through building partnerships and relationships among various land trusts, conservancies, and community organizations in SE Wisconsin. He also encourages the development of recreational activities to more fully appreciate the gifts of creation. For example, his students and community residents have participated in snowshoeing and cross country skiing, including a 10K race.

Through donations to/membership in the Laudato Si Project and connecting with community leaders, Joe is able to provide area schools with needed resources to develop their own projects to live out Laudato Si. In March, Joe appeared on Relevant Radio [1640 AM; 100.1FM] discussing "What is Laudato Si" and "What are its implications?"

Joe reported that he is seeing more interest in parishes trying to start up their own "Green Team" as a response to Laudato Si. And so on Earth Day, Friday, 4/22, he will again appear on Relevant Radio on the John Harper show, giving examples of how people are living out Laudato Si through the concept of "Green Teams": what do they look like, what do they do?

Joe stated that he would like to use St. Bruno's Green Team as a model and resource for other parishes and schools trying to start their own projects to live out Laudato Si in their area. He invited us to appear on his websites, [LaudatoSiProject.com](#) and [Naturecatholic.org](#). He left us with "Laudato Si Project" stickers.

Action items:

- 1-Ask Joe and Bill to speak to our school principal and science teacher, possibly using the PowerPoint he showed us on the work of the Laudato Si Project
- 2-Ask Joe to present at a meeting of the Parish Council

Donut Sunday April 16-17

Set-up

Don has scheduled people for each Mass – he will email the schedule to us

Don and Mary M, and Bill will set up for the event on Saturday pm

Mary M and Jean will bring the green plastic cups from the gym area to the Gathering Place

Saturday afternoon

No plates again this year – use napkins

Carol will contact Betty Igl about supplies– do we need to provide juice, juice cups– Carol

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will send out emails to GT members about needs for supplies- Mary P offered to bring juice;
Carol and Tom will provide coffee

Displays

Don will display his new photos of "God's smaller creatures"
Bill will obtain and set 2 up new exhibits from WCGT; these were popular at the last social.
A brief video will be shown on a TV monitor, either 6-minute video, Laudato Si or PPT.

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Handouts

Green Team activities,
Laudato Si Prayer card,
"One Simple Act" cards -we were each encouraged to actively hand these out,
Beatitudes for the earth from Fr. Ed Eschweiler, courtesy of Russ and Muriel Launder
A signup/contact sheet for the Green Team
Retzer family activities brochures-Carol
"Mulch don't burn" sign

Fair Trade Fair for 2016

Marya McGrath has confirmed that Four Corners Fair Trade store will be our vendor for **Sunday November 13**. They have served us well for our past 3 Fair Trade events: 2 Fair Trade Fairs and one Chocolate-Coffee tasting event. The event has been calendared with the parish.

There will only be one mass at that time, instead of 2. New schedule starts May 13-14) which includes 10:30am Sunday and 4pm Saturday masses. The team suggested that we ask Marya to Investigate the possibility of Four Corners coming both Sat pm 4pm and Sunday 10:30am.

At the last event, we ran out of chocolate bars, hot cocoa and other food items early- Carol will share this info with Marya for remediation.

Publicity will be placed in both St. Paul's and St. Bruno's bulletins.
Jean has agreed to Marya's request for placement of an article in multiple church bulletins, in addition to St. Bruno's, St. Paul's, and St. Jerome's. We also had people coming from St. Anthony on the Lake in Pewaukee.

Carol will contact Mary Kral and orient Fr. Chuck early about this social justice tradition at St. Bruno's.

Old Business / New Business

-Kathy has spoken with Fr. Chuck about incorporating phrases from the Laudato Si prayer into the prayers of the faithful – she gave him copies of the prayer for each parish. He has agreed to incorporate "some prayers". The team suggested that it may be important to follow up on this request as needed throughout the year.

-Wild life in need center is requesting volunteers for a clean up of hwy 18 from Waterville road and 67; May 14 – meet at WIN Center on Waterville road just south of hwy18. WIN is grateful for monetary contributions if one cannot volunteer

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-Kathy drew our attention to the article on the Catholic Climate Covenant website about effectiveness of Laudato SI to date. See catholicclimatecovenant.org

-Mary P informed us that nuclear power plants are beginning to shut down cuz they are too expensive to maintain.

Next Meeting May 12 7pm in Science lab.

Closing Prayer: the group read the Laudato SI prayer aloud together

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Pinter

Please forward any and all corrections or additions to Bill and the rest of the GT.