NOW is exactly the time for conversion!

Starting 2020 anew with a new relationship that connects us more deeply and spiritually to our living, diverse, sustaining, nurturing, planet – our common home.

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM (2020) commenting on recent events in Australia said, “The bushfire crisis is a wake-up call to Australia and all Australians. Lament, repentance, the effort to repair damage done, and the transformation of behaviour – these are elements of a process of conversion. Pope Francis sees this moment in human history as calling for an ecological conversion which ‘must be understood in an integral way, as a transformation of how we relate to our sisters and brothers, to other living beings, to creation in all its rich variety and to the Creator who is the origin and source of all life’ (World Day of Peace Message, 2020).

Fr Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam is one of the church’s top experts on Laudato Si and has published a spiritual and theological commentary, *The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si*. Fr Joshtrom has arranged the book according to the See-Judge-Act methodology and in doing so provides the tools to create a better now and a vision to move forward with hope and courage.

Each month we will focus a Mercy Moment on each Green Commandments:

1. Take Care of Our Common Home in Peril
2. Listen to the Cry of the Poor
3. Rediscover a Theological Vision of the Natural World
4. Recognise that the Abuse of Creation is Ecological Sin
5. Acknowledge the Human Roots of the Crisis of Our Common Home
6. Develop an Integral Ecology
7. Learn a New Way of Dwelling in Our Common Home
8. Educate toward Ecological Citizenship
9. Embrace an Ecological Spirituality
10. Cultivate Ecological Virtues

Let’s work together as we celebrate the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si’, to care for our common home and all who live with us.

Prayer of Blessing

May the deep blessings of earth be with us.
May the fathomless soundings of seas surge in our soul.
May boundless stretches of the universe echo in our depths to open us to wonder to strengthen us for love to humble us with gratitude that we may find ourselves in one another that we may lose ourselves in gladness that we give ourselves to peace.

(Newell, 2011, p. 20)