

The Letter

Pope Francis wrote an encyclical letter – titled 'Laudato Si'. This letter encourages us to see how "everything is connected." The way we treat the Earth, our common home, is a reflection of how we treat each other. Caring for each other means caring for the home we share.

In the latest edition of *Social Justice Trends, (ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace),* a ground-breaking documentary film has been released by the Laudato Si' Movement telling the story of front-line champions from around the world and brings Pope Francis' vision of Integral Ecology to life.

Many perspectives are shared beautifully and powerfully in the film, 'The Letter'. Each person represents a voice that is not being heard – the voice of the Indigenous, the voice of the young, the voice of the poor, and the voice of nature.

The film follows these people coming together in dialogue with each other and Pope Francis himself. Throughout the film, we see the characters find unity in their distinct worldviews and strength in the common values we all share.

'Once you know, you cannot look away.'

'The pain of one is the pain of us all.'

The film closes with Pope Francis' words, 'We all need each other. None of us is an island. And we can only build the future by everyone standing together.'

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