Vatican City, December 27, 2024



Your Eminence/Excellency,

I am pleased to introduce to you the Laudato Si' Village (Borgo), a recommended site for pilgrims undertaking the journey of the Jubilee 2025. This project, created by the Laudato Si' Center for Higher Education in the marvellous Gardens of the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo, offers a unique experience of spirituality and reflection, rooted in the themes and values of Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'.

Laudato Si' Village opens its doors to all those who wish to deepen their understanding of the principles that animate the "ecological conversion" invoked on several occasions by the Holy Father, reflecting on the beauty of Creation. In this context, pilgrims can experience conversion and prayer, immersing themselves in the nature of the gardens and the harmony that characterizes them.

A visit to the Laudato Si' Village is an opportunity for a deep spiritual experience and an invitation to live one's faith in a concrete and conscious way, putting into practice the values of Integral Ecology and Social Justice that Pope Francis invites us to embrace. Every corner of Laudato Si' Village is designed to resonate in each visitor with the message of hope and reconciliation with the Earth and with all humanity.

During the Jubilee 2025, the "pilgrims of hope" will have the opportunity to discover a place that aims to be a sign of how it is possible to live as custodians of God's Creation, respecting diversity, in a spirit of communion and fraternal sharing.

Please find attached a brochure with useful information for organizing a visit to the Laudato Si' Village. We began a year ago and for this reason I would like to ask you to assist us in making it known among the communities and parishes of your diocese, through communication dedicated to this initiative that is very dear to the Holy Father's heart. Please consider viewing and sharing this video with all your faithful: <u>bit.ly/LaudatoSi2025</u>

In the forthcoming months we will be delighted to welcome you and the pilgrims from your diocese at the Laudato Si' Village and to further explore Pope Francis' teaching on integral ecology. For further information please write to <u>tours@borgolaudatosi.va</u>

I also take advantage of this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In the Migrant Christ,

+ Fabio Cardinal Baggio Director General

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