

Practical Ideas: Season of Creation, 2021

Week 1 to Week 4

1 September 2021 - 3 October 2021



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- ▶ The Season of Creation 2021 is very important: It is a critical moment for Catholics: To lift the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf ahead of two important summits: **the UN Summit on Biodiversity (COP 15) in October and the UN Climate Summit in November (COP 26)**. Please encourage all parishes and parishioners, sodalities, schools and other Catholic organisations to sign the petition at www.thecatholicpetition.org - it gives us a unique opportunity.



Week 1: 2nd Sept - 11th Sept 2021

Theme: Mother Earth

- ▶ Tree Planting: plant indigenous trees;
- ▶ Plant pollinator friendly plants;
- ▶ Every family should try to plant a tree at home;
- ▶ Every parish should try to plant a tree;
- ▶ Add your tree to the United Nations Environment Project Tree Counter:
 - ▶ <https://a.plant-for-the-planet.org/treemapper>



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Theme: Mother Earth

- ▶ Invite families and single-headed households (especially widows and single mothers) to start a homestead gardening project; a small vegetation patch is enough to start this brilliant idea to ensure food security ;
- ▶ Invite the youth to participate in the community garden projects in their community as it helps to re-invent under resourced communities and sustains initiatives that supports the healthy future of vulnerable children.





Theme 2: Water 11th -17th September 2021

- ▶ Encourage *Laudato Si* themed gardens in your parish;
- ▶ Avoid waste: Focus on how you can conserve and protect water in your area and at home;
- ▶ Contact local environmental action groups in your area and support initiatives to correct lack of service delivery by holding authorities accountable.

Week 3: 19th -24th September 2021

Theme: Saving Energy

- ▶ Advocate for behavioural changes to reduce energy consumption: Create awareness. Wasteful household electricity behaviour has negative implications for electricity demand;
- ▶ Reduce home-energy usage: buy energy efficient light bulbs as it can reduce consumption by 80%;
- ▶ Make sure appliances are turned off at the wall; Do not leave lights on in an unoccupied room; turn all home appliances off when not in use;
- ▶ Turn your geyser down to 60 degrees C instead of 70 degrees C.
- ▶ Use a slow-cooker instead of an oven. A non-electric, innovative and sustainable option is the Wonder Bag.

Week 3 cont....

A Sustainable Option... A heat retaining option...



Image: Bostonglobe.com

▶ When you use one non-electric slow-cooker in one year, you contribute towards:

▶ 70% less fuel to cook;

▶ Mitigated up to 1 ton carbon emissions;

▶ 60% less indoor air pollution;

▶ 1000 hours diverted from unpaid labour;

▶ 1000 litres cooking water spared;

▶ 5 large trees saved from deforestation.

▶ Source: Wonderbagworld.com

Week 4: 25th September -3rd October 2021

Theme: Embracing Mother Earth (Waste Management)

- ▶ Waste Management Awareness: Research suggests that there is a need for awareness amongst all stakeholders; Create awareness in your group, family, parish. It is a good time to communicate with the Environmental Health Officer in your local community on outstanding waste management issues;
- ▶ Avoid waste: Reuse, reduce and recycle; Start a recycling project;
- ▶ Re-use of garden waste: composting
- ▶ Avoid food waste. Donate.





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The End

- ▶ Questions?
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