



Istituto Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice

Salesiane di Don Bosco

Laudato Si Reflection

*We are registered on the Laudato Si Platform as **St. John Bosco School**. As a Salesian school, we are on a path of conversion that is gradual, but real. Following our discussion on Laudato Si, we have done the following reflection:*

1. Our **Salesian charism**, as inspired by Jesus, the Good Shepherd, under the guidance of Mary Help of Christians and as lived by St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello, calls us to educate young people to be **“good citizens on earth and in heaven”** (St. John Bosco).

In light of **Laudato Si and our Salesian charismatic documents**, we are committed to inspire young people to become protagonists of their own lives and decisions through a greater awareness of the challenges of our common home.

Through the power of education and St. John Bosco’s Preventive System, we aspire to transmit to the young the importance of taking care of the common home and living in harmony in ALL aspects of our lives. We resolve to take responsibility for keeping our campus clean, to move away from “the throwaway society,” to give due attention to the cry of the poor and respect for the life and dignity of all. By doing so, we shall nurture a deeper understanding that everything is interconnected and thereby strive for the common good, acting as a responsible citizen for our common home, and being a person of hope!

2. As an educating community, we realize the limitations of our current reality in living the invitations of the *Laudato Si* Encyclical. For example, at present, there exists no infrastructure for recycling plastic, glass, or aluminum at St. John Bosco School. Efforts are currently being made to investigate how this can be resolved. In addition, funds are being raised to help with this sustainability effort. A small committee of parents and teachers have also taken the time to reflect on our daily lifestyle choices at school. By being more mindful of our daily actions and by reducing, reusing, and recycling, we hope to adopt a more simple lifestyle this year that will reduce our ecological footprint.
3. Lastly, we also resolved to educate the young and their families on the message of *Laudato Si* at least once a month. We believe the children are our future and they are ultimately the protagonists of the kind of Earth they will live on. Therefore, they must be proactive in finding solutions to the ecological problems of today. By educating, accompanying, and empowering the young, we hope to build a society of hope and harmony to a world that is thirsting for it.