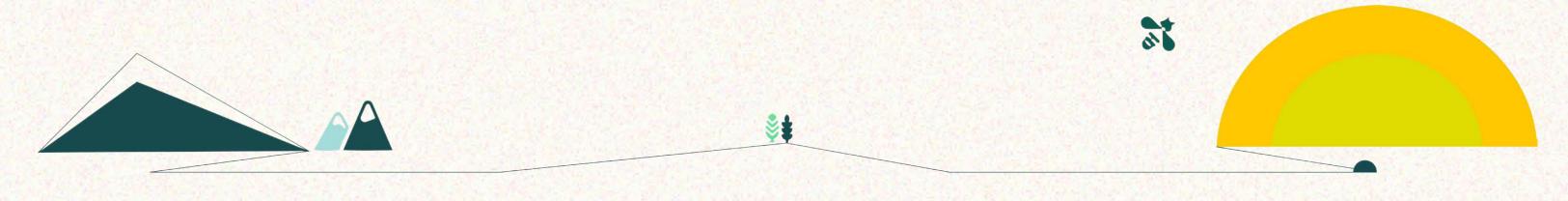




## THE LETTER FILM

The Letter, a new documentary film, communicates the messages of Laudato Si' through powerfully moving stories. The film was made in collaboration with the Vatican, and it offers a wonderful way to develop momentum for action on Laudato Si'.







Screen The Letter
to develop
momentum for
your community's
Laudato Si' journey

A community screening of The Letter can be a wonderful occasion to bring people together.

The film invites new people into conversations about Laudato Si'. With its beautifully moving visuals and stories, it offers a way to make the messages of the encyclical more tangible. A screening of the film can help create momentum for action.

A complete set of resources for your screening-including an event guide, bulletin inserts, an agenda for discussing this event with your community's leader, and much more-is available when you register your screening event here.





## Taking action after your screening is important

Following a screening, you are encouraged to make practical decisions about the next steps that your community will take together. Turning commitment into action is an important way to demonstrate our encounter with Jesus Christ in our relationship with the world around us. (Laudato Si', 217)

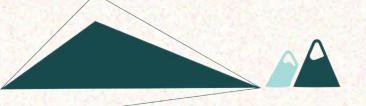
For example, you may wish to do the following:

- Make a community commitment to enrolling in the <u>Laudato Si' Action Platform</u> and to creating your Laudato Si' Plan,
- Develop a dedicated team or committee to guide the creation of your Laudato Si' Plan, and
- Decide on specific next steps for the group, such as where and when it will meet and the date by which a Laudato Si' Plan will be completed.

As soon as you enroll in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, you'll have full access to a suite of tools to develop your plan. This includes:

- A planning guide that covers how to create a team, make a commitment, and develop your step-by-step plan.
- Suggested actions tailored to your needs, and
- A baseline self-assessment so that you can see where you're starting and envision action ahead.

For inspiration to guide your community's conversation, you may wish to take a look at the Laudato Si' Plans and reflections that other participants in the Laudato Si' Action Platform have written.







## About the film



The Letter explores diverse leaders' journey to Rome, where they discuss Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. Featuring an exclusive dialogue with the Holy Father, The Letter offers revelatory insights into his personal story along with never-before-seen glimpses of his installation.

The film's protagonists include an Indigenous leader from the Amazon, a climate refugee and student from Senegal, a youth activist from India, and a husband-and-wife team of scientists from the U.S.. Together, these leaders offer voices that are often unheard in the global conversation on our planet.

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, the official papal preacher since 1980, also appears in the film. He provides a unique perspective to understand the ancient Franciscan roots of the Pope's Laudato Si' message.

Through transformative encounters with the Pope and each other, the film's protagonists find new hope for our common home.

The Letter was produced by Oscar-winning producers <u>Off the Fence</u> and <u>Laudato Si' Movement</u> in collaboration with the Vatican's <u>Dicastery for Communication</u> and the <u>Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development</u>.

The global premiere of <u>The Letter</u> took place on 4 October, 2022, the Feast of St. Francis, in the Vatican's Synod Hall and Sala Stampa. More information about the premiere is <u>here</u>.

