

Laudato Si' 2026 Reflection

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As Christ is the gardener who tends to the soil of our soul may we tend to our garden as persons with unique fruit and gifts that make up the Church. We do not know how it grows but with the sweat of our brow and the grace of your Son, may our soul and parish grow with firm roots for the Kingdom of God. The Apostles tell us, "Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." (James 5:7-8) Therefore give us diligence, Lord, to be patient with one another and ourselves as we labor like the farmer in your vineyard, sanctifying the earth by your grace. For we know when we are reconciled with you we are reconciled with creation. As we share what is in common let us remember all good gifts come from you. As we tend to the soil of our garden plots let us open our hearts for Christ Jesus the Gardener to tend to our soul. May we care for your Earth, Lord, with all its inhabitants so when you return you may find it pleasing in your sight, and that we may praise you! Laudato si'!