



# Celebration Toolkit

## 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of Creatures



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# History of the Canticle of Creatures

# Who is St. Francis of Assisi



## St. Francis of Assisi



Name \_\_\_\_\_



We celebrate St. Francis of Assisi  
feast day on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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St. Francis was born into a  
wealthy Italian family. He  
became a friar and a preacher,  
founding several religious  
orders, including the  
Franciscan Friars and the Poor  
Clares.

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St. Francis showed love to all  
people **especially the poor**. He  
treated all people equally.

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St. Francis of Assisi  
composed a poem or hymn  
named **Canticle of the  
Creatures** (also known as  
*Canticle of the Sun*), when lying  
sick in 1224. In this hymn he  
invites all his brother and sister  
creatures to **LOVE and PRAISE**  
**God** our Creator. **Every verse**  
of the **Canticle begins with**  
**PRAISE**.

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Many churches have  
ceremonies to bless animals on  
St. Francis feast day.

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These creatures include  
“**Brother Sun**” and “**Sister  
Moon,**” “**Brother Fire**” and  
“**Sister Water,**” as well as  
“**Sister Earth our Mother,**” who  
sustains us. The final verse  
praising “**Sister Death**” was  
added by Francis in 1226, shortly  
before he died.



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St. Francis of Assisi is the  
**patron saint of the environment**  
and the **country of Italy**.

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# Prayer - Cantic of Creatures



Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing, To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs

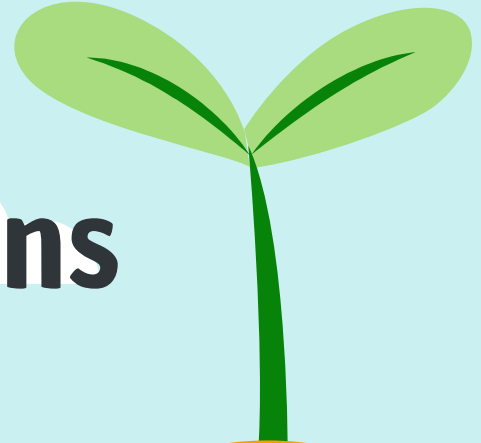
Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility. **Amen** by **St. Francis of Assisi**



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# About the Celebrations



# In 2025, we transform our activities to **CELEBRATE** the **CANTICLE OF CREATURES**.



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the encyclical letter  
Laudato Si



8<sup>th</sup> St. Francis  
Canticle Creation  
Award Ceremony



8<sup>th</sup> Season of Creation  
Challenge

800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
St. Francis of Assisi's  
Canticle of Creatures



# Canticle of Creatures Exhibition



Celebrate in Hope for this Jubilee year, 2025 the **800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of Creatures.

Take part in an **exhibition to showcase artistic reflections** on the Canticle or a specific verse of the Canticle.

Submit either a **painting/drawing, photograph, sculpture, video, song, poetry, dance and prayer.**

*Persons can submit their piece to The Franciscan Institute.* For more information email [adminassist@franciscaninstitute.org](mailto:adminassist@franciscaninstitute.org) or call +1868-734-7620







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# Educational Resources



THE  
**SAINT**  
OF THE DAY™

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

OCTOBER 4

Click on the image or link to view the YouTube video → [About St. Francis of Assisi](#)

VATICANO

# 800 YEARS OF THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES



Click on the image or link to view the YouTube video → [About the 800 Years of the Canticle of Creatures](#)

**LIVE WISELY  
THINK DEEPLY**



Click on the image or link to view the YouTube video → [Laudato Si' Animation](#)



# Educational Resources For Kids





Click on the image or link to view the YouTube video → [Little St. Francis](#)

# Laudato Si'

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



A letter from  
*+Pope Francis*



Laudato Si

**CAF+D**

Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**no one  
beyond reach**

Click on the image or link to view the YouTube video → [Laudato Si' Animation for Children](#)

# Group Activity

- **Discussion:** What stands out? How does St. Francis view God's creation?
- **Creative Expression:** Create an artistic piece that reflects your understanding of the *Canticle* or a specific verse.
  - This can include either a painting/drawing, photograph, sculpture, video, song, poetry, dance, or prayer.
- **Group Project:** Collaborate to create a collective artistic piece representing the *Canticle* themes.



# Activity Booklets

- **Colouring**

- [Colouring Book](#) *(click on link to download)*

- **Companion Journal**

- [Companion Journal](#) *(click on link to download)*



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# Prayer Resources



# *CANTICLE OF THE SUN*

## *PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS*

Click on the image or link to view the YouTube video → ["Canticle of the Sun" – Marty Haugen](#)

# Scripture Reflections

- Read Genesis 1:1-31 (The Creation Story) and Psalm 148 (Praise for God's Creation).
- Compare these scriptures with the themes found in the *Canticle*.
- Incorporate nature walks as meditative experiences reflecting on the scriptures.

# Click on Links to View - Prayer Resources

## Lenten Resources:

- [Environmental Stations of the Cross](#)
- [Stations of the Cross - Climate Change Reflections](#)

## Season of Creation 2025 Guide

- [Season of Creation 2025 Guide](#)



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# Calendar of Activities



Calendar of Activities 2025

# 800th Anniversary Canticle of Creation

  
Franciscan Institute  
for Personal & Family Development  
A Ministry of the Sisters  
of the Sorrowful Mother



2025

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG

SEP

OCT

ONLINE  
RETREAT

**Retreat Topic:**  
Living the Praise  
and Goodness of  
God.

**Thursday 01**  
(Youths)

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
**Sunday 04 (Adults)**  
5:00 PM- 6:30 PM



**Saturday 24:**  
Holy Mass for the  
10th Anniversary  
of Laudato Si'  
**Tree Planting  
Ceremony**  
Mount St.  
Benedict

IN-  
PERSON  
EVENT



**Retreat Topic:**  
Finding and  
celebrating God in  
nature.

**Sunday 01 (Adults)**  
5:00 PM- 6:30 PM

**Thursday 05**  
(Youths)  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM



**Retreat Topic:**  
Extending Pardon  
and Making  
Peace.

**Thursday 03**  
(Youths)  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Sunday 06**  
(Adults)  
5:00 PM- 6:30 PM



**Retreat Topic:**  
Befriending Sister  
Death :  
Giving back our in  
gratitude  
**Sunday 03**  
(Adults)  
5:00 PM- 6:30 PM

**Thursday 07**  
(Youths)  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM



**Saturday 27**

**Season of  
Creation  
Exhibition**  
in all Roman  
Catholic Primary  
Schools



**Saturday 04**

**Feast to St.  
Francis of Assisi**



Partners:



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**LIVING WATER COMMUNITY**

  
**Catholic Education  
Board of Management**



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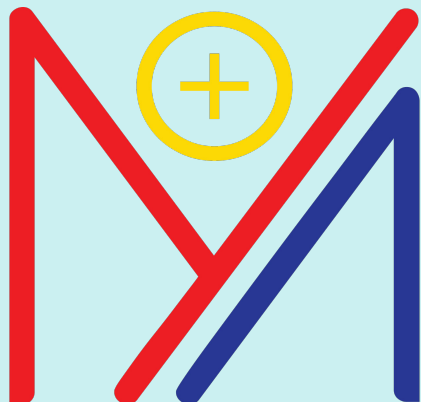
# Our Partners





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