



International Symposium
Laudato sì

Care for Our Common Home, a Necessary Conversion to Human Ecology

San Jose, November 29 – December 1, 2017
Catholic University of Costa Rica
Hotel Wyndham, Herradura, San José Costa Rica

November 29, 2017

18:30 *Inmaculada Concepción de Heredia* church: solemn celebration of the Eucharist
Presided by His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet.

November 30, 2017

MORNING

- 9:00 Inauguration/Welcome
His Most Reverend Eminence Mons. José Rafael Quirós, Archbishop of San Jose, Grand Chancellor of the Catholic University of Costa Rica.
Dr. Fernando F. Sánchez Campos, Honorable President of the Catholic University of Costa Rica
Father Federico Lombardi., S.J., President of the Joseph Ratzinger–Benedict XVI Foundation.
- 9:30 Presentation of the Laudato sì theme song.
- 9:45 Pope Francis video message.
- 10:00 Greeting from the President of the Republic of Costa Rica.
Dr. Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera
- 10:15 Coffee Break
- 10:35 - 11:20 Why did Pope Francis write the Laudato sì encyclical letter?
His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Claudio Hummes O.F.M., Prefect Emeritus of the Sacred Congregation for clergy and President of the Episcopal Commission for the Amazonia.



11:25 – 12:05

“The ecology of man:” the voice of Benedict XVI in Laudato si

Dr. Gonzalo Tejerina Arias O.S.A., Dean of the Theology Department of the University of Salamanca.

12:10 – 12:55

The Laudato si invitation: an urgent and multidimensional challenge (spiritual, lifestyle and public policies)

Dr. Tomás Insua, Research Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School – Executive Director of Global Catholic Climate Movement

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON

15:50 – 16:15

14:20 – 14:50 “The book of nature is one and undivided” (Benedict XVI).

Monsignor Fernando Chica Arellano, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to FAO, IFAD and WFP

14:55 – 15:40

Laudato si applied to our territory: challenges and perspectives

Rev. Augusto Zampini, University of Durham, Department of Theology and Religion, member of CAFOD.

15:45 – 16:20

The relevance of Laudato si to different sectors of society: results of a recent, global sociological investigation.

Rev. Prof. Michael Agliardo S.J., Loyola University Chicago

16:25 – 16:40 **Coffee Break**



16:45 – 17:25

What is the current situation of our common home, from a social standpoint? The status of social progress in 2017.

Dr. Michael Green, Executive Director of Social Progress Imperative

17:30 – 18:10

Humanist integral model (the conceptual model of humanist integral ecology and its first global measurement)

Dr. Roberto Artavia Loría, President of VIVA Trust

18:20 *End of session*

Free Dinner

Friday, December 1

MORNING

9:00 – 9:10

Reading of written message from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

His Most Reverend Eminence Monsignor Antonio Arcari, Apostolic Nuncio of Costa Rica

9:15 – 09:55

Custody of creation and the integral ecology of human beings at the center of Catholic education.

His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

10:05 – 10:45

Catholic University according to Laudato si.

Prof. Father Josafá Carlos de Siqueira, S.J., Dean of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00

Care for our Common Home: a necessary conversion to human ecology

Six working groups will analyze the following topics based on the model and results of the global measurement index for *Laudato Si'* Human Ecology. Deans from different Catholic universities around the world will participate in the working groups as rapporteurs. Each participant will take part in one of the working groups listed below:

WORKING GROUPS¹:

1. The intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet: satisfaction of basic needs and the throwaway culture. **Specialist: Dr. Kattia Marzall, Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura.**
2. The conviction that everything in the world is connected: environmental balance and social mobility. **Specialist: Dr. Felipe Arauz Cavallini, Agriculture Minister**
3. The critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology: the impact of environmental management on human beings and our common home. **Specialist: Dr. Olman Segura Bonilla, Universidad Nacional (UNA) Former Rector.**
4. The call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress and the serious responsibility of international and local policy. **Specialist from ODUCAL: Pbro. Francisco Ramírez and Dr. Armando Ibarra.**
5. The value proper to each creature and the human meaning of ecology: exercising our rights and freedom. **Specialist from CELAM: Dom João Justino de Madeiros, Archbishop from Montes Claros, Brasil. D.P Alirio Cáceres Aguirre, DEJUSOL-SELACC.**
6. The proposal of a new lifestyle: research and knowledge path to increase the impact of *Laudato Si'* around the word. **Specialist: Lic. Minor Rodríguez Rodríguez, Nacional de Aprendizaje (INA) Director**

13.05 - 14.30 **Lunch Break**

¹ Discussion of these topics will be coordinated as follows: the first topic by the President of ODUCAL, topics 2 to 5 by the Deputy Presidents of each topic, and the final topic by Patricia Madrigal Cordero, Deputy Minister of the Environment of Costa Rica.



AFTERNOON

14:35 – 16:30

Discussion board/Conclusions/ proposals and analyses of the working groups.

(Each dean serving as the rapporteur of a working group will participate in the discussion board by sharing the position of the corresponding group with the plenary).

Moderator of the discussion board: **Rev. Pedro Rubens Ferreira Oliveira, S.J.**,
President of the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

16:35 – 16:55 Coffee Break

17:00 -17:25

Formal inauguration of the Laudato si' observatory of the Catholic University of Costa Rica, which will be responsible for the global index for measuring *Laudato Si'* human ecology.

Dr. Fernando F. Sánchez Campos, Honorable President of the Catholic University of Costa Rica

17:30 – 18:05

Conclusions

Dr. René Francisco Castro Salazar. Assistant Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Father Federico Lombardi, S.J., President of the Joseph Ratzinger–Benedict XVI Foundation.

18:15 *End of conference*