• **The purpose** of the Study Guide is:
1- To facilitate your understanding the MESSAGE of Laudato Si,

2- To encourage you to move to an **ACTION** response.

- Your **action response** will be explained in a separate segment called **METHODOLOGY**
• **TWO INSTRUMENTS** should be in the possession of each participant or Creation Care Team member:

1- A COPY of the Encyclical “*LAUDATO SI*”
2- A COPY of the “*STUDY GUIDE*”

**Ten Sessions** are outlined:

- **7** are **DISCUSSION Sessions** (Less sessions if several chapters are discussed together)
- **3** are **ACTION Planning sessions**.
- Your HOMEWORK can be done alone at home:

- The IMPORTANT CONCEPTS of L. S. are made into QUESTIONS,

- Each question indicates the number of the PRAGRAPHER where the response is to be found,

- Once you find the best RESPONSE, mark it by underlining or highlighting it, so you can easily find it for future reference.

- What you will be forming is your own SUMMARY of L. S.
“Natural scientists posit that there have been five extinction events in the Earth’s history, and Kolbert makes a compelling case that human activity is leading to the sixth.” —Bill Gates
• **DISCUSSION OPTIONS:**

- Each Creation Care Team or CCT can **opt**-
  - To discuss one or two chapters per session.
  - To discuss each question or only the impressive concepts that stand out for each member.

- Make sure you form a **summary statement** that explains the title of each chapter.
• **SESSION FOUR** = Action Planning session:

- There is an Action Planning Session after each two chapters of L. S.

- There is a separate explanation and power point presentation for the **METHODOLOGY** for actions.

- ACTIONS can be **individual** or **communal**.

  - See the **CHECKLIST of actions** at the end of the Study Guide.
• **SESSION TEN:**

- **EVALUATE:**
  1- What have you **LEARNED**?
  2- What **CHANGES** or adaptations need to be made?

- **FOLLOW-UP PLAN:**
  3- Should we **repeat** the Action process **among ourselves**?
    - Or should we look to form **NEW TEAMS** to
      a) Lead them through the **Study Guide** and then
      b) Guide them in the use of the **Action Methodology**
‘Safeguard Creation, Because If We Destroy Creation, Creation Will Destroy Us.’

Pope Francis

The Encyclical Letter Laudato Si’
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

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