

# WORKSHOP: CREATIVE WAYS TO TEACH CHILDREN TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

With  
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# HELLO AND WELCOME!

## AGENDA for TODAY

- Sign in and find seat according to your grade level
- Introduction 1:30—1:35pm (5 min.)
- Set Goals 1:35—1:40 (5 min)
- Sharing what we know 1:40—1:50 (10 min)
- Preview of Lesson Plan 1:50-2:00 (10 min)
- Lesson Planning 2:00—2:30 (30 min)
- Feedback, Q&A, Evaluation 2:30 —2:45 (15 min)

# OUR GOALS

- DEVELOP TAKE-HOME LESSON PLAN INCORPORATING LAUDATO SI' TEACHINGS
- SHARE CREATED LESSONS WITH A CREATION CARE THEME FOR A RESOURCE POOL
- WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION? WHAT DO YOU WANT THE STUDENTS TO ANSWER FROM THEIR NOTES AND RESULTING PROJECTS?



# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ALREADY?

- HAVE YOU HEARD OF LAUDATO SI'?
- WHAT WATER ISSUES ARE YOU AWARE OF: LOCALLY? NATIONALLY? GLOBALLY?

AS YOU'RE DISCUSSING, WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS ON AN INDEX CARD:

WE'LL SHARE WHAT WE KNOW



# LAUDATO SI'

- PAPAL ENCYCLICAL NOT JUST TO CATHOLICS BUT TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL
  - KEY MESSAGE: CLIMATE CHANGE IS A MORAL ISSUE
  - IT CONTAINS 5 PARAGRAPHS DEDICATED TO THE ISSUE OF WATER, WITH THE WORD MENTIONED 47 TIMES
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- (30) *ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKABLE WATER IS A BASIC AND UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHT, SINCE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN SURVIVAL AND, AS SUCH, IS A CONDITION FOR THE EXERCISE OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS...* WATER CONTINUES TO BE WASTED, NOT ONLY IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD BUT ALSO IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH POSSESS IT IN ABUNDANCE. THIS SHOWS THAT THE PROBLEM OF WATER IS PARTLY AN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ISSUE, SINCE THERE IS LITTLE AWARENESS OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF SUCH BEHAVIOR WITHIN A CONTEXT OF GREAT INEQUALITY.

# A LOCAL, NATIONAL, GLOBAL ISSUE

## LOCAL

- THE STOCKTON RECORD
  - MERCURY CONTAMINATION PROMPTS NEW WARNING ABOUT EATING FISH FROM LODE RESERVOIR
  - SJ COUNTY SET TO DECLARE SIMULTANEOUS FLOOD, DROUGHT EMERGENCIES

## NATIONAL

- SJ RIVER LEVEE BREAK FORCES 500 OUT; DON PEDRO SPILLWAY OPENS
- NEW YORK POST
  - Pope Francis weighs in on Dakota Access Pipeline conflict
- ABC NEWS
  - Deadly Louisiana Flooding Claimed at Least 13 Lives, Damaged 60,000 Homes

## GLOBAL

- NEW YORK TIMES
  - Mexico City, Parched and Sinking, Faces a Water Crisis
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
  - Sea Levels Rise in the Maldives, and Drinking Water Diminishes

# STUDENT PORTFOLIO

## DEFINITION:

A COMPILATION OF ACADEMIC WORK AND OTHER FORMS OF EDUCATIONAL EVIDENCE

## PURPOSE:

1. EVALUATING COURSEWORK QUALITY, LEARNING PROGRESS, AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
2. DETERMINING WHETHER STUDENTS HAVE MET LEARNING STANDARDS OR OTHER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
3. HELPING STUDENTS REFLECT ON THEIR ACADEMIC GOALS AND PROGRESS AS LEARNERS
4. CREATING A LASTING ARCHIVE OF ACADEMIC WORK PRODUCTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION

# OUR LESSON PLAN

## STUDENT PORTFOLIO

### TOPIC:

- K-5 WATER AWARENESS
- 6-12 WATER CRISIS

CONTENTS: About 5 to 10 or more items/projects

### CAN INCLUDE:

- Essays
- Graphs
- Charts
- Art
- Reports
- Article or book summaries
- Timelines
- Journal entries
- Poetry
- Lab reports
- Photographs
- Letters
- Reflections
- Prayers



# OUR LESSON PLAN

## STUDENT PORTFOLIO

GIVEN [CHART, GRAPH, PHOTO, IMAGE, ARTICLE],

THE STUDENTS WILL [SHARE, IDENTIFY, PRESENT, WRITE,  
PRODUCE, CREATE, DEVELOP, DESIGN]

AN ESSAY, GRAPH, CHART, ART PIECE, REPORT, BOOK SUMMARY,  
TIMELINE, ETC. FOR THEIR

PORTFOLIO.

# OUR LESSON PLANNING

## STUDENT PORTFOLIO

- CHOOSE A PRESENTER FOR THE GROUP
- CHOOSE A PERSON TO WRITE ON A TEMPLATE THAT WILL BE TURNED IN
- NAME AND SCHOOL, ON INDEX CARD
- COLLABORATE ON ONE IDEA, EVERYONE FILLING IN THEIR OWN TEMPLATE
- 60-90 SECOND SUMMARY OF HOW FAR YOU WERE ABLE TO GET
- EVALUATION AND PRAYER

# ADDITIONAL SAMPLES AND IDEAS

- A PROPOSAL TO CONGRESS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ASSISTING DEVELOPING NATIONS WITH WATER SANITIZATION
- A LETTER TO FAMILY ASKING THEM TO CONSERVE WATER
- RESEARCHING TO CREATE COMPARE AND CONTRAST CHARTS BETWEEN COUNTRIES' WATER USAGE
- READING A NEWS ARTICLE ON FLOODING AND WRITING A REFLECTION/ESSAY/PRESENTATION
- GRAPH OR CHART OF HOW MUCH WATER WE USE AT HOME/PERSONALLY
- ARTIST DEPICTION OF A PLANET WITH NO WATER
- POEM ON WATER HARDSHIP
- PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR WATER

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FEEDBACK, Q&A, EVALUATION, PRAYER

HAVE MORE TO SHARE OR WANT MORE?

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You can also include your contact information.

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Thank you!