

**University of Dayton Stander Symposium  
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**Celebrating Earth Day 50:  
UD Students Taking Climate Action  
for Environmental Justice  
in Our Common Home**

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# Get ready to explore!

Resources & Bios

<https://tinyurl.com/UDEarthday50>



- Climate action and awareness through Earth Day and Laudato Si
- See how Marianist values apply to environmental justice
- History of UD student environmental engagement
- Opportunities for current UD students

<https://tinyurl.com/EarthDay-Action>

# Get ready to Engage!

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- Prayer / reflections
- Brief informational presentation
- Exciting UD student panelists
- Time to reflect & share your ideas
- Making an action plan
- Additional Earth Day activities
- Resources for home, on and off campus



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**Earthday is for Everyone  
Everywhere, so we want to  
see who is joining us.**

**Answer the poll**





# Opening Prayer

**O Creator, Our world is large, and yet your Creation is so fragile. We glimpse the needs of our common home, of our sisters and brothers, and those needs are great.**

**We want to turn away, but you call us back. We want simple solutions, but you want us to help solve the complex problems. Through your Church, you call us to listen, to learn, to reflect and to act. Give us a deep sense of our place in this web of Creation. Give us the wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will in the world today.**

**Inspire us to respond to the call to live in solidarity with all of your Creation, so that the Earth, and all children of God might live in dignity and peace. Amen**

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# The first Earth Day April 22, 1970



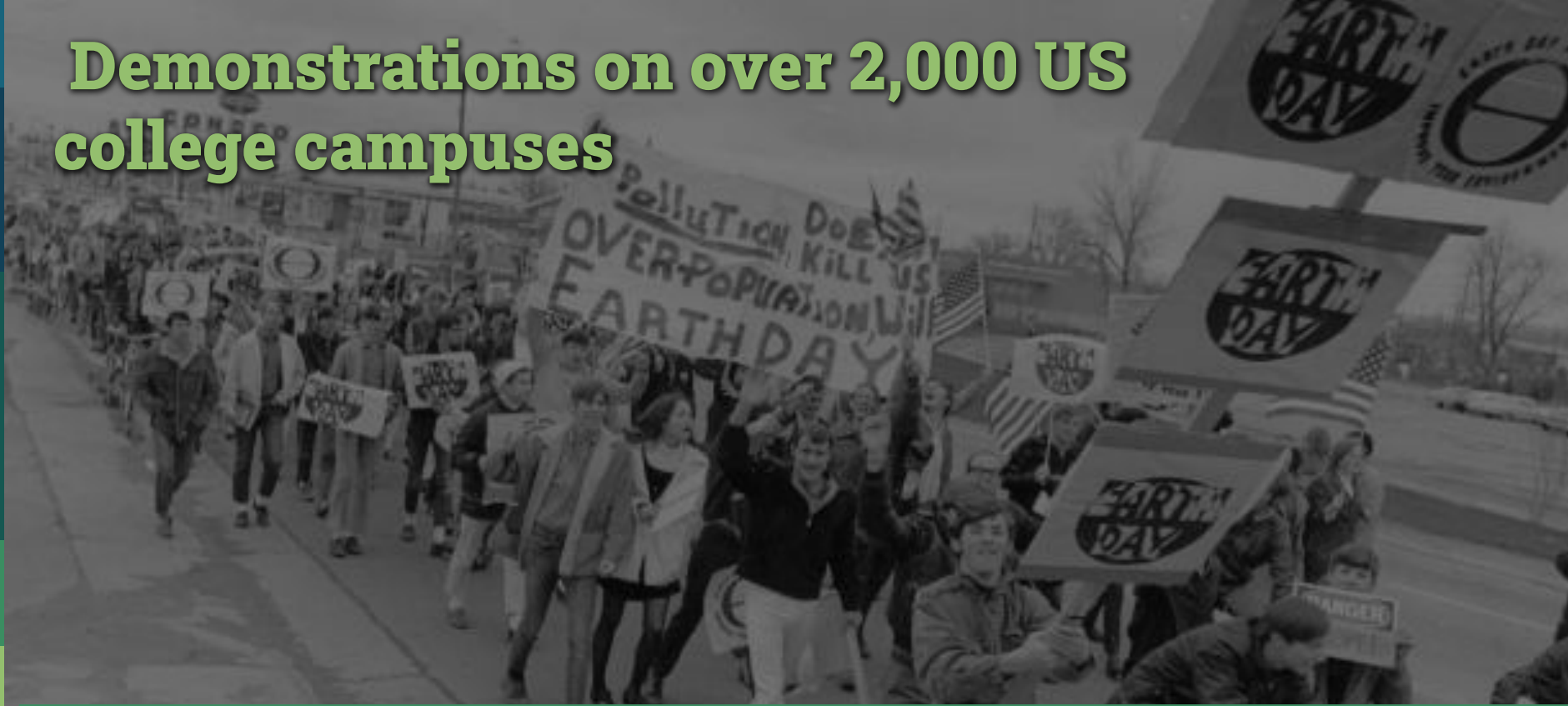
Oil spills, air pollution, wildlife loss  
and habitat destruction



**Dumping & Oil Spills causing Cuyahoga River Fires, Cleveland OH (1950s & 60s)**



# Demonstrations on over 2,000 US college campuses



**Power of Student Leaders Demanding Change**

# EPA established; Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act passed 1971 - 73



US Government Responds to the 20 million of all ages; 1 billion worldwide



# School Strikes 4 Climate Change

<https://www.fridaysforfuture.org/>



# Sunrise Movement

<https://www.sunrisemovement.org/>





## Earth Club (1988)

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>10 environmental  
clubs today!

Sustainability club,  
River Stewards...



## 2015 Hanley Sustainability Institute Gift

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Education &  
Energy Teams  
Internships, Jobs

## Student Partnerships

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SGA position  
dining services  
SSLC - Student  
Sustainability  
Leadership Council



## Student Initiatives

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On campus  
recycling and  
composting,  
energy reduction  
competitions ...



## SEE Courses

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Sustainability  
minor ( ~ 2008)  
& Grad Certificate

2020 - Major  
BA & BS



# UD student led projects & staff/faculty/ alumni dreams





# 5 year (MAY 24) Anniversary of *Laudato Si*



- Encyclical: *On Care for Our Common Home*
- Pope Francis Calls us all to dialogue
- Ecological Conversion
- Integral Ecology



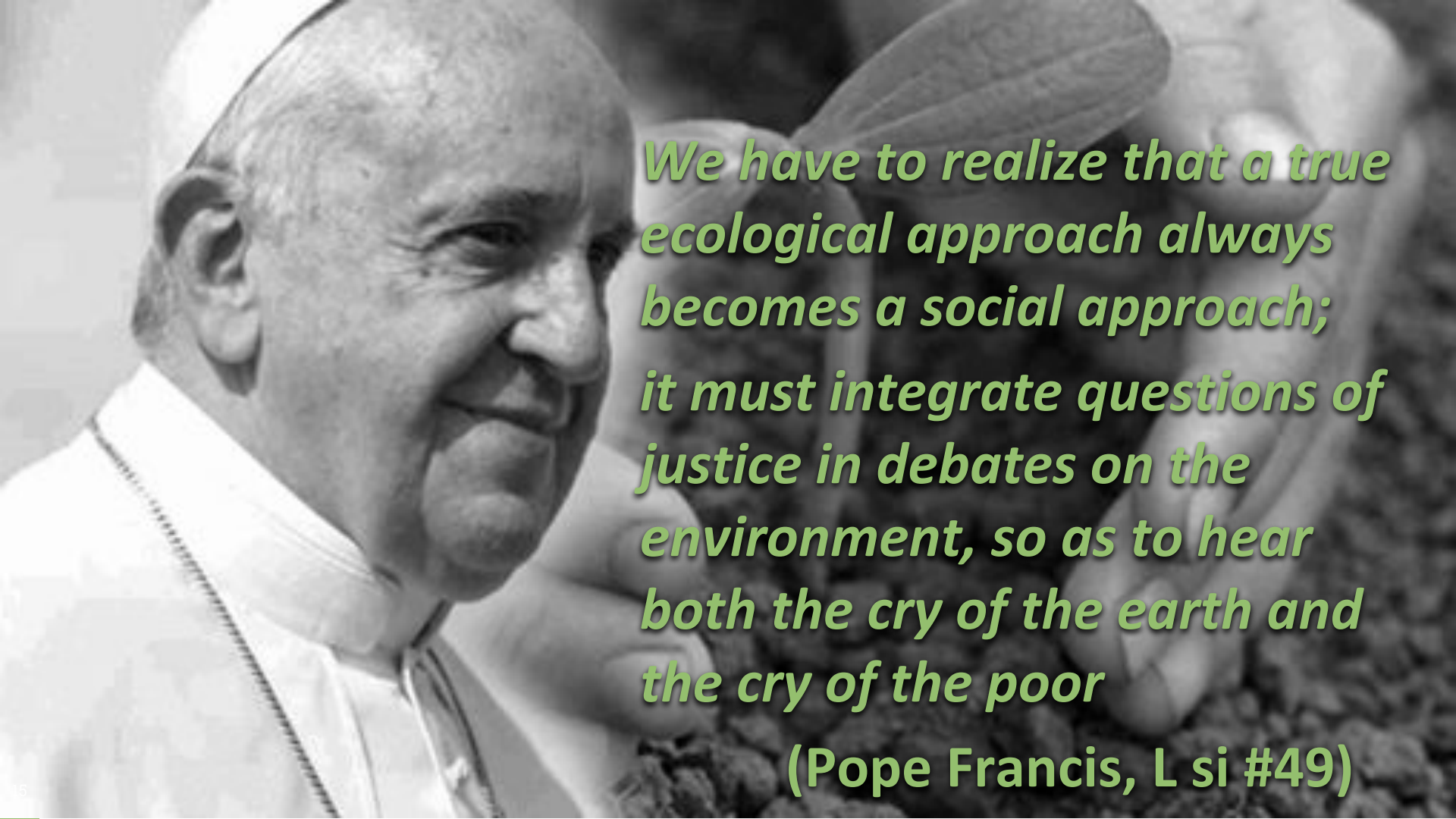




# Integral ecology:

- understanding that everything is closely related
- recognizing that environmental and socio-economic challenges can't be considered independently.
- urges us toward comprehensive solutions that combat poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and protect nature.



A black and white photograph of Pope Francis on the left, looking towards the right with a slight smile. He is wearing his white papal attire. On the right, a young child is visible, holding a large, dark leaf over their head. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

*We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*

*(Pope Francis, L si #49)*



**What is your understanding  
of environmental justice  
and environmental racism?**

Answer question in the poll



**Inequitable  
Representation**

**Environmental  
Justice / Env'tl  
Racism**



**Disproportionate  
Harmful Effects**





# Environmental Justice

“the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”





**"Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it." (19)**

*-- Pope Francis*

*Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*







Faith, Service,  
& Community

Focus on  
Justice  
and the  
Common  
Good

Integral  
Ecology

**UD's Catholic & Marianist Mission and Environmental Action**

# Many Faith & Environment Organizations Taking Climate Action



<https://www.laudi.org/laudato-si/spirituality/a-prayer-for-the-earth/>



The Global Catholic  
Climate Movement





# UN SDGs - Sustainable Development Goals



**Give examples of how y/our  
actions are interconnected  
with others**

**In our common home ?**

Enter your response in the chat box



# UD Student Panelists Videos (16 min)

<https://tinyurl.com/UDEarthday50> Bios & Resources



These UD student leaders from different majors are passionate about living sustainably. Each has taken action to care for our common home in different ways and engaged others to get involved in environmental and social justice concerns. After each short video we'll reflect on what inspired or challenged us.

# Meg Maloney

Hanley Sustainability Institute  
Graduate Assistant

UD Environmental Biology, 2018

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*Living Simply and  
Sustainably in an  
Interconnected World*





**What inspired or challenged  
you in this video?**

**Any questions for Meg?**

**Send answers in the chat box**

# Jared Marsh

Student Leader for Campus  
Engagement and Advocacy with  
the Human Rights Center

Human Rights, 2020

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*Making a change is a  
choice: Practical steps for  
promoting Human Rights  
and Sustainability*





**What inspired or challenged  
you in this video?**

**Any questions for Jared?**

**Send answers in the chat box**

# Theresa Isemann

Hanley Sustainability Institute  
Campus Energy Team Graduate  
Assistant

UD 2018, Mechanical Engineering

*Momentum from Tiny  
Choices: The Power of  
Rethinking Our Habits*





**What inspired or challenged  
you in this video?  
Any questions for Tess?**

**Send answers in the chat box**

# Actions you can take on campus!

- Events, programs, and more



# EarthFest and Sustainability Week

- Keynote speakers, local food, documentaries, PATH events



# Composting buckets

- Sign up to have a compost bin in your apartment or house



# Sustainability PATH events

- Dinner Dialogues, documentaries, Flyers Go Green, Conscious Living Chats, Energy Chats



## Environment/ Sustainability Courses

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SEE Major and  
Minor,  
Minicourses



Join a  
Sustainability  
Centered Student  
Organization

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There are over a  
dozen plus jobs &  
internships

Sustainability  
Focused  
Breakouts &  
Study Abroad  
ETHOS or Summer  
abroad in Berlin,  
Prague, India



## Sign up for HSI Newsletter

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Stay updated on  
sustainability  
events &  
opportunities





# UD Environmental and Sustainability Related Student Organizations

<https://tinyurl.com/UDEarthday50>

## ETHOS

Engineers in Technical and Humanitarian Opportunities of Service



SGA Sustainability Position

Beta Beta Beta Biological Society

Student Sustainability Leaders Council

Geology Club



University of Dayton

Rivers Institute



Human Rights Center

FOOD  
RECOVERY  
NETWORK

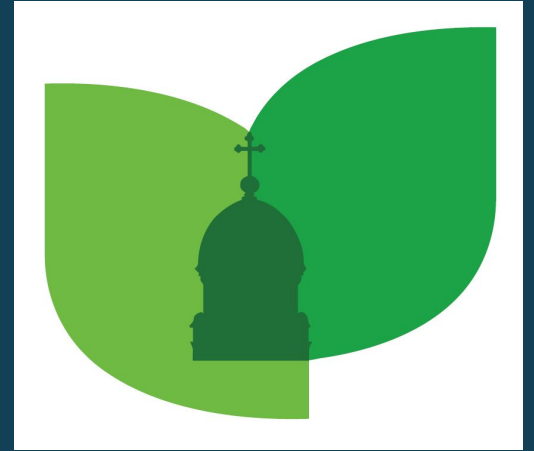
FIGHTING WASTE. FEEDING PEOPLE.



# Marianist Environmental Education Center



**Which student  
on-campus actions  
are you most  
interested in?**



**Send answers in the poll**



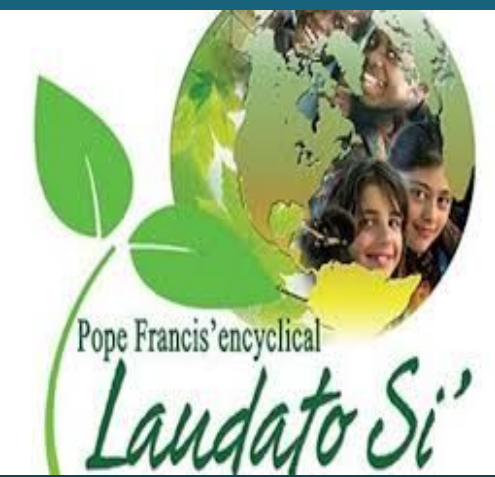


# Taking action at home and off campus

For more resources from Catholic Climate Covenant, CC, scan this QR code



- Enjoy the outdoors and appreciate the natural beauty of Our Common Home
- Eliminate single use plastics when possible
- Reduce fossil fuel consumption by:
  - Walk, carpool, cycle or use public transport
  - Reduce meat consumption, eat locally & in season & be mindful of food waste
  - Installing energy efficient lights and appliances; adjusting thermostats
- Invite friends and family to join in prayer for all peoples and our planet



What one sustainable  
action step will you  
implement in your life ?

Send answers in the chat box

# What was your greatest learning today?



Send answers in the chat box





# Going forth

- Let Earth Day Success & Laudato Si inspire you !
- UD Students use Marianist principles and promote environmental justice in our sustainability initiatives
- UD students & partners have so many opportunities to take action together.
- **We value your feedback. Please fill out our google form and we're glad to provide a presentation copy & inform you of future events.**



# Closing Prayer

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and  
destruction.

Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

-Pope Francis, Laudato si

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Thanks for Filling out the Brief Survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/UDEarthday50Eval>

