

PRESS RELEASE

International Conference "Raising Hope for Climate Justice" – Tenth Anniversary of Laudato Si'

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From 1 to 3 October 2025, the international conference "Raising Hope for Climate Justice" will take place in Castel Gandolfo, promoted by the Laudato Si' Movement in collaboration with various ecclesial and institutional partners, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

The event, bringing together more than 400 faith leaders, climate experts, civil society representatives and institutions from around the world, aims to chart the next steps in implementing ecological conversion in the light of the Church's magisterium.

Celebration with Pope Leo XIV

On Wednesday, 1 October, at the Mariapolis Centre in Castel Gandolfo, the central moment of the conference will take place: the *Celebration of Hope* with the participation of Pope Leo XIV.

Programme highlights:

- Welcome and opening prayer
- Keynote addresses by Hon. Marina Silva, Minister of the Environment of Brazil, and Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Address by Pope Leo XIV
- Symbolic and spiritual moment of common commitment
- Private meeting of the Holy Father with a representative group of participants

Other moments of the Conference

On 2-3 October, the conference will continue with working sessions, roundtables, and



spiritual moments. More than 50 prominent figures – religious leaders, scientists, civil society and political representatives – will be available for interviews and briefings with accredited press.

Practical Information

Dates: 1 − 3 October 2025

• Venue: Castel Gandolfo, Mariapolis Centre (with side events at Borgo Laudato Si')

• The full programme of the conference can be found here.

ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

Journalists and media operators who wish to participate must apply, no less than 24 hours before the event, through the Holy See Press Office online Accreditation System available at: press.vatican.va/accreditamenti

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