

## Laudato Si' School Contest – Safe Water for All

In the encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis dedicates a section to “The Issue of Water.” The importance of water is also clear locally in California, as the state continues to face drought and individuals are asked to preserve water.

In this contest, students are asked to look at specific, age-appropriate resources about the importance of water for all people. They will be asked to respond to prompts that tie this issue to the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Entries will be judged on:

- Understanding of the topic
- Accurately expressing Church teaching
- Effort/creativity
- Following directions

The contest is open to all students who live and/or attend school within the three counties of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. They can be in public, private or homeschool. Teachers or parents are asked to review the materials with the students, especially in the younger grades, to help them understand the concepts.

Cash prizes will be given for a grand prize and a first prize by county for each grade level:

Grade K – Grand Prize \$25; First Prize \$10 – one awarded in each County  
Grade 1 – Grand Prize \$50; First Prize \$25 - one awarded in each County  
Grade 2 – Grand Prize \$50; First Prize \$25 - one awarded in each County  
Grade 3 -- Grand Prize \$75; First Prize \$25 - one awarded in each County  
Grade 4 --Grand Prize \$ 75; First Prize \$25 - one awarded in each County  
Grade 5 -- Grand Prize \$100; First Prize \$50 - one awarded in each County  
Grades 6 --Grand Prize \$100; First Prize \$50 - one awarded in each County  
Grade 7 -- Grand Prize \$125; First Prize \$75 - one awarded in each County  
Grade 8 -- Grand Prize \$150; First Prize \$75 - one awarded in each County  
High School: Grades 9-12 -- Grand Prize \$250; First Prize \$100

**All entries are due by November 18, 2022.**

Entries should be mailed to:

Laudato Si' Contest, Office of Human Life & Dignity  
Archdiocese of San Francisco  
One Peter Yorke Way  
San Francisco, CA 94109

The student's name and contact information should be attached to the back of the entry, using the form provided.

This project is one way for *Laudato Si'* to be brought to life in classrooms and homes, helping students to understand that “Everything is connected” (*Laudato Si'* 91).

## Contest Resources:

### **Resources – Kindergarten-Grade 4:**

Drop by Drop video: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/drop-drop-abridged-video-version>

Catholic Social Teaching handout

Catholic Relief Services website (for teachers): <https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/water-security>

### **Instructions:**

Teachers/Parents: Watch the Drop by Drop video with the students. Talk about Sylvie’s experiences and how lack of water impacted her life. Discuss the Catholic Social Teaching worksheet and how it relates to the story.

Use the pages that follow to submit entries for each grade.

### **Resources – Grades 5-6:**

“Americans without water” video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC8CmOOZ3o0&t=588s>

Catholic Social Teaching handout

Laudato Si’ Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Avvx95p3rZo&t=25s>

### **Instructions:**

Respond to the grade 5-6 prompt (on page 6 of this packet). Responses can be hand-written or typed.

### **Resources – Grades 7-12:**

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Catholic Social Teaching handout

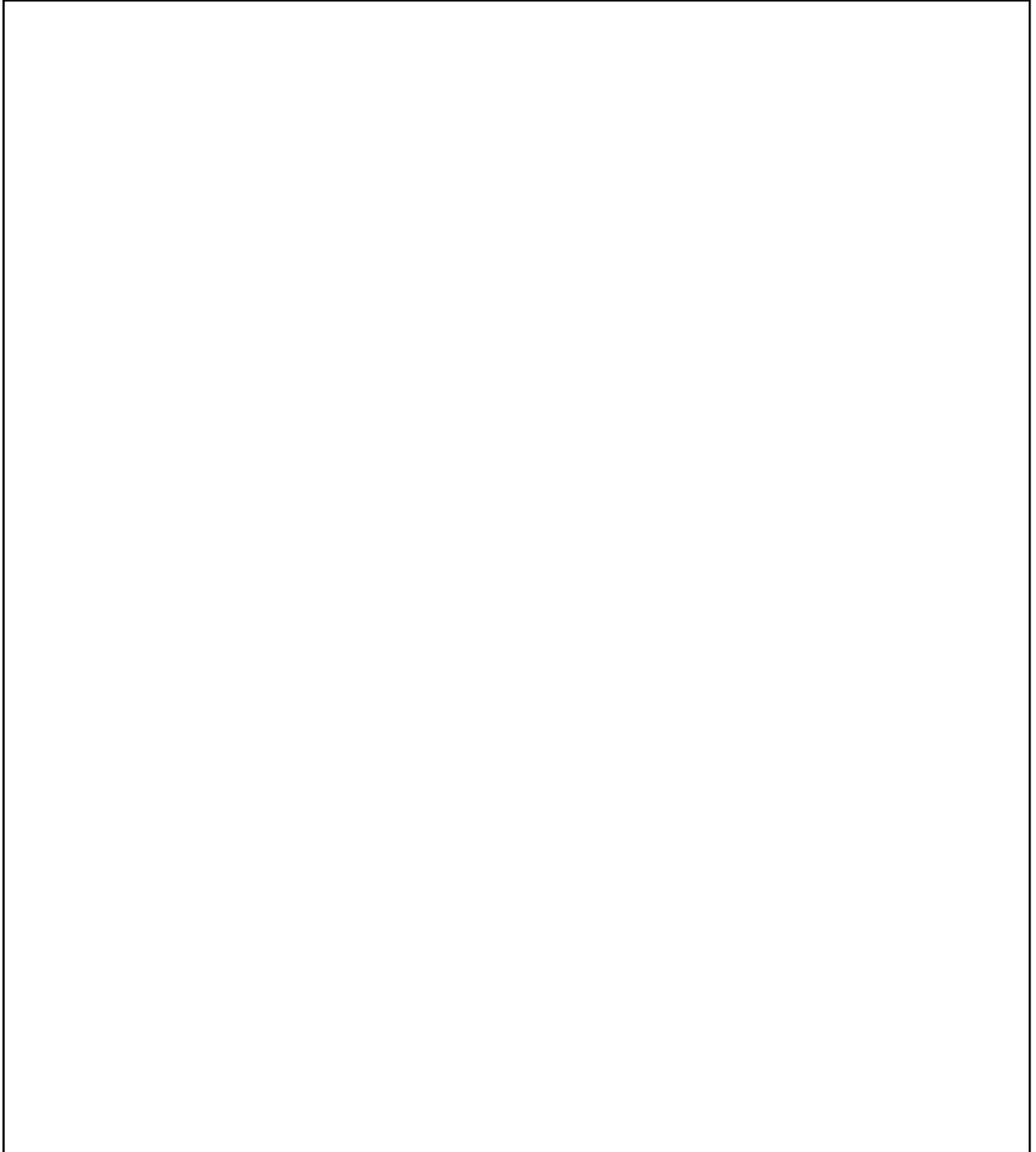
Encyclical *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*

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Respond to the grade-appropriate prompt (on page 6 of this packet). Responses can be hand-written or typed.

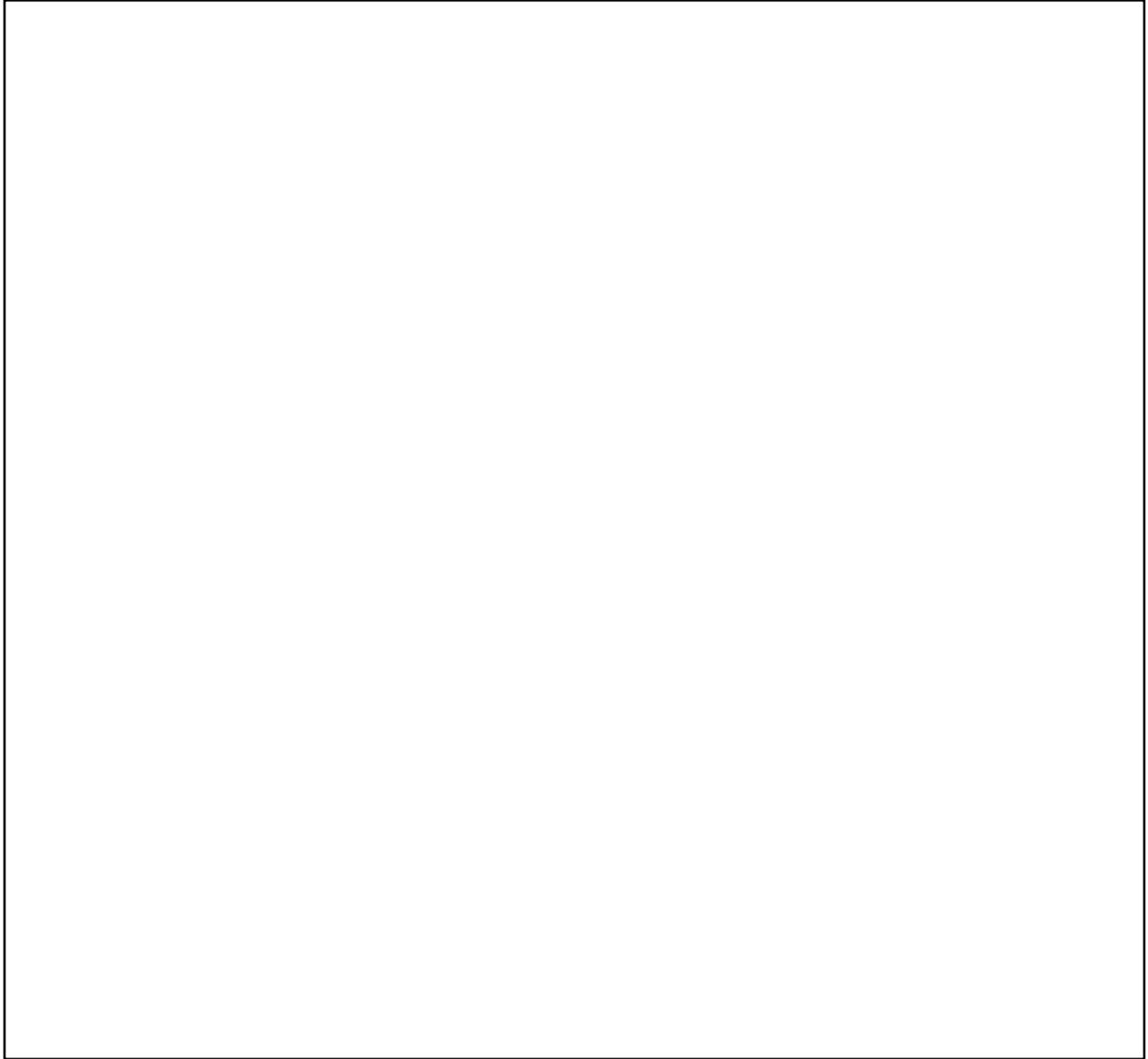
## Laudato Si' Contest – Kindergarten:

Watch the Drop by Drop video and talk about Sylvie's story. Draw a picture below of how you can save water.



## Laudato Si' Contest – Grades 1-2

Watch the Drop by Drop video and talk about Sylvie's story. Draw a picture of Sylvie after her village has access to clean water. Write one sentence answering the question: Why does God want everyone to have clean and safe water?



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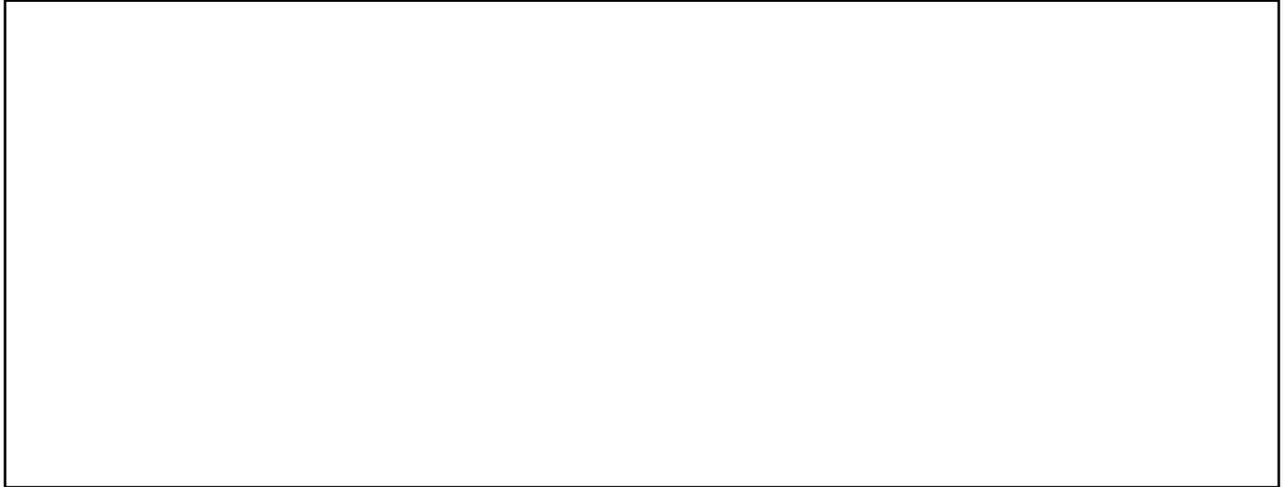
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## Laudato Si' Contest – Grades 3-4

Watch the Drop by Drop video and discuss Sylvie's story. Talk about the work of Catholic Relief Services in ensuring people have access to water. Answer each of the following questions in 1-2 sentences and draw a picture to go along with each answer:

1. Why does God want every person to have clean water?



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2. What can I do to help others have access to clean water?



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## Laudato Si' Contest – Grades 5-12

### Grades 5-6

Watch the “Americans without water” video. Imagine you’re living in one of these areas without access to clean water. Write 2-3 paragraphs about how you feel in this situation and what *Laudato Si'* teaches about access to water.

### Grades 7-8

Watch the “Americans without water” video. Write 3-4 paragraphs about how the stories in the video relate to Catholic Social Teaching, and especially the message of *Laudato Si'*. What can you do to help conserve water?

### Grades 9-12

Watch the “Americans without water” video. Write a 4-5 paragraph essay on the following prompt: Explain how the stories in the video relate to the message of *Laudato Si'* and to Catholic Social Teaching in general. What is the responsibility of each person regarding the use of water and the treatment of our brothers and sisters? What can you personally do?

**Please cite or quote at least two of the resources below:**

Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*

Pastoral Statement by the California Conference of Catholic Bishops - *God Calls Us All to Care for Our Common Home*

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis on the Occasion of “World Water Day 2019”

*Populorum Progressio*, Encyclical of Pope Paul VI on the Development of Peoples

The Compendium of the Social Teaching of the Church