

ST. THOMAS à BECKET CHURCH
Care for Our Common Home Ministry
Wednesday, September 7, 2022, Minutes
1:00pm – Room 5

PRESENT: Lori Brady-Neuman, Helen Dickey, Barb Ewalt, Carol Even, Harriet Hanlon, Patti Kaiser

PRAYER: “Creation Care”

T-SHIRTS: Helen brought T-shirts and aprons and distributed them to members in attendance.

HOMECOMING DINNER AND DANCE: on Friday, Sept. 16th from 7:00 to 10:00pm. So far, Carol and Patti have volunteered to wash dishes. We could use another set of hands. Patti will contact Connie Fiorito and Grand Knight Brian McNicoll to clarify our role(s) and a few details.

SEASON OF CREATION:

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carol has placed announcements in recent bulletins describing the Season of Creation, offering a quote from Laudato Sí, and announcing the Diocesan event “Why Should We Care for Our Common Home” at Nativity Parish on September 17th and providing registration information. We must use these opportunities to let people know what the CCH is doing and why.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Recent Prayers of the Faithful read at Mass have referred to our care for the earth.

EVENTS:

Sept. 10th Saturday, 8am – 10am – Runnymede Park is offering a Bird-walk. Either show up there or contact Patti for more information.

Sept. 16th Friday, CCH members will be helping at the Knights of Columbus Dinner and Dance.

Sept. 24th Saturday, 10am to noon - Invasives Removal with Reston Association at Temporary Road Park. A separate document with an invasives booklet in color and a video about removal follows this email with the heading FW: VOLUNTEER RESTON. Training and equipment will be provided. We could use help with this project.

Sept. 30th Friday, 7:30pm – possible film night – screening “Pope Francis: A Man of His Word” a full-length documentary focusing on the Pope’s goals and life history. This event will depend on approval of our Pastor and adequate technical skills to run the projector. Any volunteers?

Date TBA - probably in October, with cooler weather – Adopt-A Highway Wiehle Ave. clean-up. We hope to have a small team ready and willing for this task.

Oct. 2nd Sunday, 2pm – Eco-Therapy walk at Meadowlark Gardens led by recent Environmental Science graduate and granddaughter of Carol. Garden entry fees range from \$3 for 55+ to \$6 per person.

Oct. 16th Sunday, during CCD class hours, Readers’ Theater in the parish hall. Carol and Rick will present a special theatrical reading about St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare for the CCD students.

REMINDER: Remember to save Saturday, September 17th for the Diocesan Peace and Justice Conference – with Bishop Burbidge at Nativity Church in Burke. Visit [Peace and Justice Conference 2022 \(arlingtondiocese.org\)](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org) to register.

PAMPHLET/BROCHURE: We have a team that is working on a brochure for us, with photos, and descriptions of past activities and our mission. It will reflect the three pillars of care for creation, prayer, education for us and our community, and prayerful, informed action.

RECYCLING NOTES: Trace, the Zero-Waste store in Vienna now recycles lots of little items such as toothpaste tubes. They also sell good quality olive oil in bulk.

How can we recycle pots and pans that are no longer useful for cooking? Google may provide an answer.

NEXT MEETING: As the new season begins, we are re-examining whether the time we meet is difficult for too many people to join us. Carol will send out an email requesting input from all on our mailing list, members and friends. We would like to see more of you when we gather monthly.

Next meeting - TBA