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SEASON OF CREATION
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the Care of Creation
1st September

THE COURAGE TO CHANGE TO EMERGE FROM THIS PANDEMIC BETTER PRAYER | REFLECTION | EXPERIENCES

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Dear brothers and sisters of the CA of the world, this meeting that we carry out today we do it in this special time that we call "Time of Creation", an ecumenical proposal that invites us to renew our relationship with our Creator and with all the creation through celebration, conversion and commitment.

"Time of creation" is also a time for the children and teens of the CA to deepen their love for God, for the brothers and sisters and for all the creation, growing in their care and contemplation. Yes, they are also part of the Father's divine plan and they are called, now, to join to this Francis' invitation to take care of our common home together. Our children and teens are also the "now of God."

But how to talk to children about taking care of the common home?

Into the children resides an evangelizing wisdom, a wisdom that comes from God and that is enhanced by favoring the encounter with the Lord at an early age, without underestimations or prejudices, without thinking of them as a "project", as "the future", but rather as a present that is a necessary blessing for the Church today. They are also the "now of God."

So for them, renewing the relationship with our Creator and with all creation, will be to allow them to find their own life experiences and from them let the Spirit work in their hearts, which is fertile land where the word becomes reality, work, certainty and action for everyone.

It will be a time in which we must encourage them to think about their family and from there to expand their link with creation and the idea that we are all brothers and sisters. Once we refresh that everybody is our brother and sister, our friends next door and those who live on the other side of the planet, we all are sons of the same Father, it will be the opportunity to talk about the common home that share with that big family. Just as in our house we try to leave everything collected and organized so that later our brother or

sister can use it without problem, we have to take care of, clean and respect our planet, because we all share it and it is our home. Deep and simple ideas, full of soul and that mobilize.

But with children, everything cannot be just words. They are action and movement, they are the restless "now of God" that translate their life and what they learn into concrete facts.

I want to take this opportunity to share with all of you a material prepared by the Argentine Catholic Action on the occasion of the 5th Anniversary of the publication of the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*! In this material, which is available to all (in Spanish), we make some proposals on how our children and teens can take care of the common home while deepening their life of faith in the encounter with God, with brothers and sisters and with all the creation, with a simple and deep message: creation is the work of God our Father who loves us and invites us to take care of it.

I invite all of us who accompany the faith of the children and teens of the CA, especially at this time, to make available all the material that we have prepared in the framework of Caring for the Common Home, to share our experiences and put them in communion with everybody.