

On the road with St. Francis

Experiences of brotherhood of CA with others, acting together

LAUDATO SI ARGENTINA TABLE

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The Laudato Si' Argentina Table was born in 2019, with the aim of preparing the V Laudato Si' Week, to be held in May 2020, joining the objectives of the Week, the need to promote within the Church communities, the reflection on the problems raised by the encyclical, the catechesis of creation that gives support and perspective, as well as assuming the spirituality that implies the integral ecological conversion that motivates the transforming action.

This double objective arose from the common discernment that we carried out in the different movements, institutions and pastoral organizations that formed the Table initially, valuing the need not only to assume the global proposals that Laudato Si' proposes as teachings of the social thought of the Church, but also to address them from the local agenda in both the ecological and ecclesial.

The participation in the Table, is wide and varied, there is representation from the national level but also, local and diocesan organizations and organisms have been added. The idea of calling ourselves a "Round table" comes from the very real meaning of its name. Table as the common, familiar, close space where the one who arrives always has a place and shares what he brings and

takes of what he needs, building a fraternal and solidary communion of gazes, initiatives, experiences, resources.

The achievements of the V Laudato Si' Week, in the context of the pandemic, which made the voice of the encyclical even more prophetic, were abundant. We managed to arrive with a daily and brief catechesis on Laudato Si', to no less than 8000 direct contacts through WhatsApp, a strong presence in the networks, an agenda nourished by videoconferences, conversations of information, reflection, action and expressions of art, added to the global agenda proposed by the Dicastery for Integral Human Development and the Global Movement of Catholics for Climate, of which many of us are part.

This same "synergy" of actors motivated the agenda of this Time of Creation 2020, centered on continuing formation on the theme, in the particular context that the world is going through, with the visibility of concrete experiences of transformation that include the environment: the aboriginal pastoral care, migration, poverty, care and promotion of life in its multiple directions, with a particular invitation to young people through a space that we have called "We are the now of Creation", thus uniting the Living Christ, with the care of creation.



We know that there are enormous challenges ahead, but we are confident that the meeting point at the Table will generate diverse networks of actions for change, an experience of fraternity among the participating groups, and an awareness that we are interconnected and need each other so that together we can give the world a more human face and heart, knowing that we are all children of the same Father. The experience of a Round Table has not only brought commitment to the theme that brings us together, but also to the spirituality of fraternal communion, in solidarity, through an exercise that expands and allows us "a gathering of forces and a unity of realization" (Ls 219) after the integral ecological conversion.

At present, the following organizations are part of the Round Table: Catholic Action Argentina, *Renova+*; National Youth Pastoral Commission, Laity Department and National Commission for Justice and Peace of the Argentine Episcopal Conference, Cardinal Pironio Formation Institute for Youth Ministry at the national level, Focolare Movement, Augustinian Recollects Youth, Scout Movement, Francis Youth, Christian Association of Business Leaders, Movement of Youth Circles Economy of Francisco, which we have joined these days to the Social Pastoral of the Archdiocese of Mercedes-Lujan and El Rincón Nature Reserve.