

Laudato Si' Week May 16-24<sup>th</sup> 2020  
**BEFRIEND 'SOCIAL DISTANCING' WITH POPE FRANCIS**



On May 24th, five years ago Pope Francis wrote a letter- Laudato Si' - encouraging us to take care of our common home– the earth. Today, we in Northern Ireland like many people in the world are coping with the Covid -19 pandemic. We are at home because of the virus and many of our shops and businesses are closed with our families and friends working from home or have no work. The message in the letter, Pope Francis sent us five years ago, was **'to seek a new beginning'** – a good idea surely to help us cope in our present situation!

*'May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away  
the joy of our hope'* (Paragraph 244)

1. 2020 the year to stop and make us think

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4&feature=youtu.be>

'less is more'



Rose Wong (in the Atlantic)

*"Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life ..... one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession of consumption ..... it is the conviction that 'less is more'. Laudato Si' Paragraph 222*