

# Ballarat Colloquium - The Francis Effect II

## 'Laudato Si' *On care for our common home*

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015  
9.00 am – 4.00pm

OLHC Mercy Centre, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree

9.00 am	Registration
9.30 am – 10.00 am	Welcome and Prayer
10.00 am – 11.00 am	Keynote Address - Rev. Dr. Denis Edwards
11.00 am - 11.20 am	Morning Tea
11.20 am - 11.30 am	Regather and introduction to the session
	<b>Local Practitioners</b>
11.30 am - 11.55 am	<b>St Francis Xavier Primary School</b> The students from St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East, will share their interpretation of Pope Francis' Encyclical: LAUDATO SI' On Care for our Common Home, particularly para 139 <i>'We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.'</i>
11.55 am - 12.00 pm	Quick segue into next speaker
12.00 pm - 12.25 pm	<b>A Parish perspective</b> (ECOS) represents the Ballarat Diocesan Ecological Sustainability group which has a vision "to foster and encourage communities to understand and embrace the ecological conversion at a local, national and world level". Our presentation today will demonstrate our journey in understanding how parishes can interpret and implement <i>Laudate Si</i> .
12.25 pm – 12.30 pm	Quick buzz and segue into next speaker
12.30pm - 12.50 pm	<b>An individual perspective</b> <i>It is important that as individuals we are aware that to achieve ecological sustainability, reduce our ecological footprint, avoid the further loss of ecosystems and species. If each person makes a little difference, then this difference by 10 billion people will change Joe Boin would like to share with you how this can be achieved in our home and our lives."</i>
12.50 pm – 1.00 pm	Drawing this session to conclusion
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm - 3.45 pm	<b>Workshop Implementation</b> <b>Part One</b> Facilitated table conversation on what you have heard? What are the ideas/opportunities for your workplace or local context? Feedback <b>Part Two</b> What might be some possible challenges to overcome for you in your context? What resources/networks are available to make this happen? Feedback My personal commitment to action.
3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	Closing Prayer and Commissioning.