Please join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope John Paul II proclaimed St. Francis the patron of ecology in 1979. The pope cited him for being “an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation.”

For Francis, every creature was sacred and his love for nature was matched only by his love for God and for the poor. Today more than ever, we must strive to follow in St. Francis’ footsteps.

Following Mass, there will be two screenings of the powerful documentary *Sun Come Up*. This 40 minute film, which was nominated for an Academy Award for best short documentary, follows the experiences of the Carteret Islanders, a community living on a remote island chain off Papua New Guinea that is forced to relocate due to sea level rise. They must start new lives on the mainland, and face many challenges as some of the world’s first climate refugees.

Please RSVP to green@nd.edu by September 28th

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“Preservation of the environment, promotion of sustainable development and particular attention to climate change are matters of grave concern for the entire human family.” -Pope Benedict XVI