

The View from The Bluff August 2017

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

I FOUND IT IN THE ARCHIVES

Moments In Ministry

St. Francis Xavier Hospital

School of Nursing

"After our founding in 1829 the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy began their ministry of caring for the sick in 1834, and the next year the Sisters helped with a yellow fever epidemic in Charleston. In 1839, they went to Augusta, Georgia, to assist in combating an epidemic which was then raging in that city. Again in 1852 the Sisters worked with the sick during a return outbreak of yellow fever in Charleston.

During the War Between the States, Sisters from the Charleston Community served in Virginia nursing wounded soldiers. Those who remained in Charleston nursed the wounded and sick soldiers and, in addition, acted as "angels of mercy" to Union soldiers in prison.

Having attended the sick and poor in dirty, crowded, and poorly ventilated rooms, prisons, and makeshift hospitals, the Sisters felt the need of a building of their own in which they could care not only for the physical ills of the patients but the spiritual afflictions as well. Financial resources were practically non-existent; however, Miss Maria McHugh of Charleston in 1880, gave a large lot with "buildings thereon" to the Sisters to be used as an industrial school for orphans. The donation from Miss McHugh was the impetus needed to begin a charitable institution. Sister Xavier Dunn, feeling that the orphans received sufficient industrial instruction with existing facilities, requested that Miss McHugh sell the property and give the proceeds for the establishment of a hospital under the direct care of the Sisters. Miss McHugh agreed to Sister Xavier's plans.

As a tribute to Sister Xavier Dunn's untiring work with the sick and ailing of the City of Charleston, the new Infirmary was named in honor of her patron Saint Francis Xavier. To the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy was accorded the privilege of establishing the first hospital under Catholic auspices in the State of South Carolina.

On October 1, 1882, the first patient was admitted to the "Modern Infirmary". The original staff was made up of five sisters; Sisters de Chantal Cleary, Helena Marlowe, Ignatius Walshe, Baptist Goffardt and Thomasine Moore, none of whom had prepared formally for nursing. As the hospital continued to grow and its services were utilized by more and more people, it became increasingly apparent that a school of nursing was needed. By 1900 the Reverend Mother Loretto Quinlan and her Council "could no longer ignore the necessity and obligation to prepare the Sisters to nurse". Mother Loretto consequently took actions that resulted in the founding of Saint Francis Xavier Infirmary Training School for Nurses. " Source: *Saint Francis School of Nursing A Memoir, 1900-1968*



Portions of the original Hospital were used as the first School of Nursing. Students occupied this building from 1900 until the 1940's.

The First Graduates:

Class of 1902 (L-R) Front Row: Helen Walker, Alice Whaley, Mary McKenna (Directress), Lula Van Ness, Margaret McGee. Back row: Katherine McGrath, May Schiffley, Mary Hart, Hattie Copes.



MOMENTS IN MINISTRY



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

1900

St. Francis Xavier School of Nursing opened on October 22, 1900 in a two story frame house adjoining St. Francis Xavier Hospital on Calhoun Street, Charleston. Miss Mary McKenna, a graduate of Union Hospital, Fall River, Massachusetts, became the Superintendent of the Nursing School

1902

On October 22, 1902 the eight young women who entered the school in 1900 graduated. Shortly afterwards Miss McKenna left Charleston to pursue further education at Columbia University, NYC. Sister M. Bernardine McGinley, RN, became the second Superintendent of the Nursing School.

1912

Miss Mary McKenna returned to Charleston and became Superintendent of SFXH as well as Directress of the Nursing School.

1914

St. Francis School of Nursing Alumnae Association was founded.

1915
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1919

Miss McKenna, who was instrumental in establishing the District Nursing and Social Service Department at the Neighborhood House, assigned students to those home nursing cases which they were qualified to nurse. An affiliation with Bellevue Hospital, NYC, was established which offered the nursing students greater experience in medical nursing, obstetrics, pediatric and orthopedic nursing. A three year course of study replaced the original two year course of study. Miss McKenna resigned her positions in the Hospital and Nursing School. Sister M. Gertrude Tarmey, OLM, a 1917 graduate of the Nursing School, became Directress of the School, a position she held until 1942.

1926

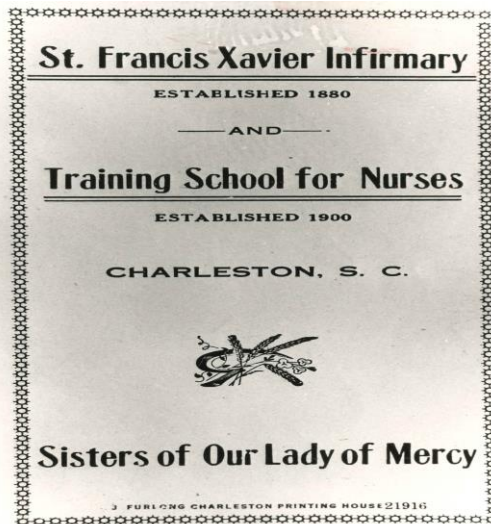
A new hospital building replaced the original buildings on the corner of Calhoun Street and Ashley Avenue. The new building afforded greater educational opportunities for the nursing students which resulted in increased enrollment.

1941

St. Francis Xavier Nursing School received the approval of the National League of Nursing Education, a national accrediting agency, for participation in the Cadet Nurse Corps. Student nurses in the Cadet Corps received government subsidies. As a result educational programs were updated and improved.

1942

Sr. Maria Murphy, OLM, replaced Sr. Gertrude Tarmey as the Directress of the Nursing School. During her administration the hours of nursing instruction were increased while the hours of nursing service in the hospital were decreased. Nursing students worked a total of 48 hours a week which included attendance at class.





1949

On December 5, a new School of Nursing Building was dedicated which provided housing, classroom and lounge facilities for students, administrative offices for faculty, living facilities for the Sisters and a Chapel and library for the use of all. Sr. Augustine McNerny, OLM, Hospital Administrator, was responsible for the erection of the new building. Sr. M. Emmanuel Bevis, OLM, replaced Sr. Maria Murphy as Directress of the Nursing School.

1950

A Psychiatric Nursing Affiliation became a State Board requirement for all schools and was provided at the State Hospital in Columbia, SC. Prior to 1950 it was optional for students to study Psychiatric Nursing.

1953

Sr. Joan Marie Reynolds, OLM, became the Directress of the Nursing School. Sr. Joan Marie was the first OLM Sister Directress with a BS Degree in Nursing Education in addition to an RN. During her administration the Nursing School was incorporated in the OLM Junior College. Graduates would receive an Associate Degree in Science in addition to an RN.

1964

Sr. M. Basil Kerr, OLM, who received a MS Degree in Nursing from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, became Directress of the Nursing School. An updated curriculum was adopted by the faculty and approved by the South Carolina State Board of Nursing. However, in 1963 the OLM Junior College was closed. Without the ability to offer an Associate or Bachelor's degree program in nursing, St. Francis Nursing School could not receive accreditation from the national League of Nursing Education of the State of South Carolina.

1966

On March 31, Mother Mary Charles Gibson, OLM, Chair of the Governing Board of St. Francis Xavier Hospital, issued a statement notifying the public that St. Francis Xavier Hospital had decided not to accept candidates for the 1966 Freshman Class of the School of Nursing. However, the School would continue all necessary operations for the next two years.

1968

St. Francis Xavier Hospital School of Nursing graduated its last class in June 1968.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOSPITAL
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regional and national developments in the field of Nursing Education indicate that two-year associate degree programs and four-year baccalaureate programs are replacing the three-year programs conducted under hospital auspices. These newer plans are designed to be "campus-oriented", or connected with colleges and universities. The consensus among authorities in the field of nursing education is that the three-year plan is unrealistic for today's needs.

After much consideration and consultation with the Bishop of the Diocese, the Executive Staff and the Advisory Board of the Hospital, as well as with authorities in Nursing Education, the Governing Board of the St. Francis Xavier Hospital has decided not to accept candidates for the 1966 Freshman Class.

Mother Mary Charles
Chairman of the Governing Board

Sister Maria
Administrator

March 31, 1966





Eva Walpole class of '03 & Katherine McGrath '02



Emma Bertrand & Dorothy Santos 1909



CURRICULUM OF TRAINING SCHOOL. ACADEMIC YEAR, OCT. 1st-JUNE 1st.

Juniors.

Anatomy..... { Dr. W. Cyril O'Driscoll,
 } Dr. Henry DeSaussure.
Physiology Dr. McK. K. Mazyck
Chemistry Dr. Francis Parker
Practical Nursing, Bandaging and
Dietetics..... Mary C. McKenna, R. N.
Urinalysis Senior House Officer

Intermediates.

Bacteriology Dr. Geo. McF. Mood
Materia Medica Dr. W. H. Ziegler
Anaesthesia Dr. J. P. Jackson
General Surgery..... Dr. Robert S. Cathcart
Practice of Medicine Dr. D. L. Maguire
Practical Nursing, Bandaging and
Dietetics..... Mary C. McKenna, R. N.

Seniors.

Gynaecological Surgery..... Dr. C. P. Aimar
Obstetrics Dr. G. Fraser Wilson
Pediatrics Dr. R. M. Pollitzer
Diseases of Eye, Ear,
Nose and Throat..... Dr. Edward Parker
Electrotherapeutics..... Dr. A. Robert Taft
Massage, Practical Nursing, Dietetics
and Bandaging—Mary C. McKenna, R. N.
Special lectures, classes and field work in
advanced subjects, as Hospital and Training
School Management, Social Service, District
Nursing, School Nursing, etc.

1912-1919



Elizabeth Crouch-1911



Miss Katherine McGrath, Class of 1902, was an outstanding Army nurse who offered dedicated service at home and abroad during World War I. She was the first lay supervisor employed by the hospital and she served as obstetrical supervisor.



Class of 1912 with Sr. Bernadine McGinley



1909 — Emma M. Bertrand, Dorothy A. Saxton



1911 — Elizabeth Crouch

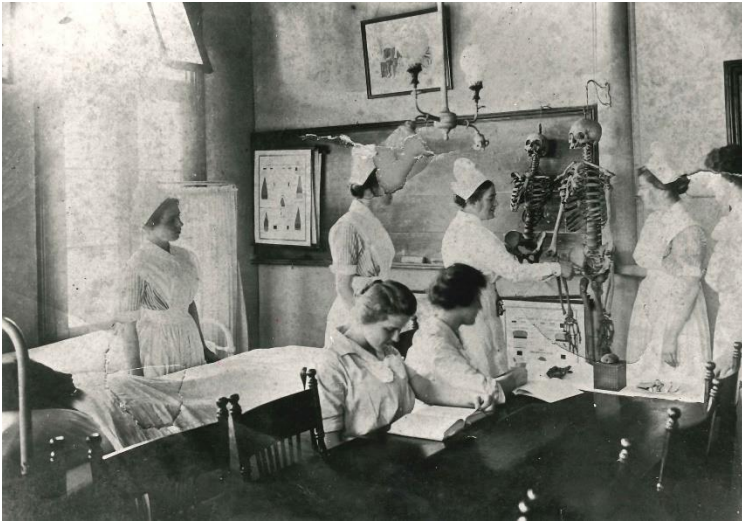


1915 — Amelia Tankelcy, Julia Russell (Probic Uniform)

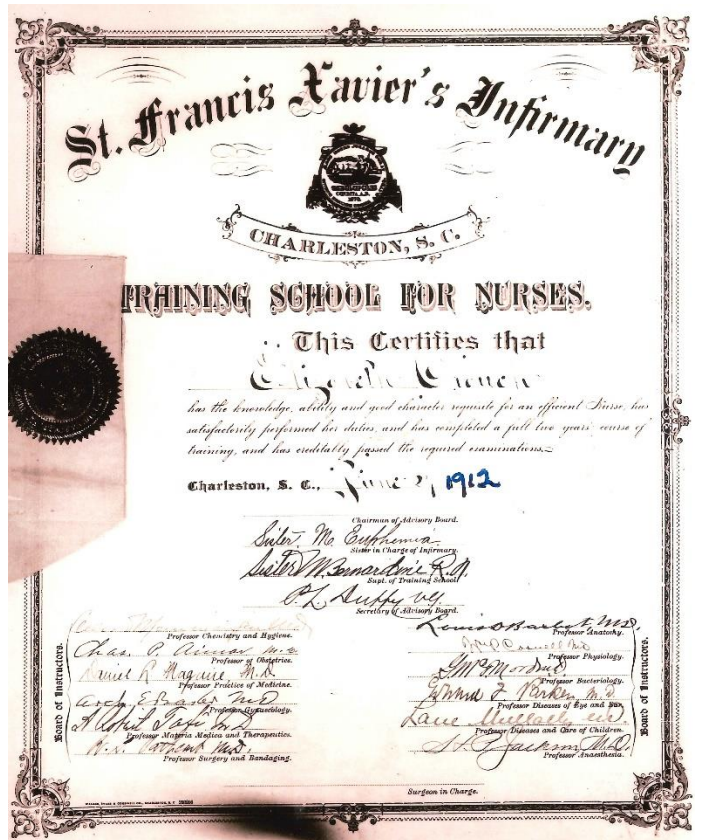


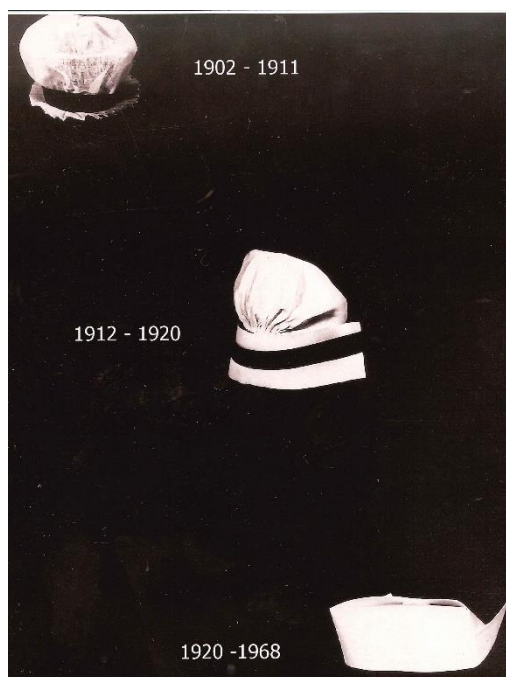
1916 — Nora Leary

Various uniforms early years.



Capping ceremony





Caps through the years



Sr. Carmel in Nursing School Library

Bulletin Notice

Re: St. Francis School of Nursing

Sisters, after many months of thoughtful consideration, study, and prayer, and after consultation with the Bishop, the Executive Staff, the Advisory Board, and various authorities in the field of Nursing Education, our Council has voted not to accept candidates for the 1966 Freshman Class in St. Francis School of Nursing.

The picture is very complex. Suffice it to say that recent trends in the field of Nursing Education have given endorsement to the two-year associate degree program and to the baccalaureate program, both of which are designed to be "campus-oriented" and removed from the Hospital environment. This year, in South Carolina alone, three Hospital three-year schools will graduate their last class. This reflects the national picture.

It is our hope to study the local situation fully during the next two years in order to adopt, if possible, some alternative program. While we recognize the valiant efforts of Sister Basil and those Sisters who have preceded her either as Directress of Nursing Education or as Teachers in St. Francis School of Nursing, we must nevertheless face the present realistically and act upon it intelligently. This step naturally pains us and it will bring pain to you. Nevertheless, when the "rightness" of a course of action is clear, we cannot neglect to follow our convictions which look to future Community welfare, and have justice and charity as their goal.

Therefore, using the authority vested in me, acting in the name of the Council General and deeply aware of my responsibility before God, I declare the above course of action effective at once.

Mother Mary Charles
 Mother Mary Charles
 Superior General

March 30, 1966

Nurses' Residence

The Nurses' Residence is a modern fireproof, six-story building situated conveniently close to the Hospital. Included in the building are lecture rooms, demonstration rooms, science, dietetics, and nursing arts laboratories. There are also attractive sun porches and a spacious lounge, chapel, library, and auditorium. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors provide sleeping quarters for the student nurses where they have the use of a kitchenette and laundrette on each floor.



Address requests for further information to:

The Director of Nurses
St. Francis Xavier School of Nursing
 150 Ashley Avenue
 Charleston, South Carolina

or

Telephone RAYmond 3-3998

Do You Want A Career In Nursing?



THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOSPITAL
SCHOOL OF NURSING

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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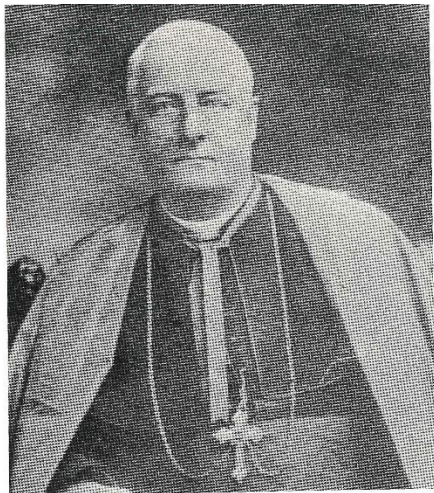
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 Linda Mooneyhan
 Nancy McNeil
 Harrietta Pauls
 Julia Jordan
 Margaret Lester
 Ann Marie Linder
 Jennifer Walker
 Frances Bath
 Brenda Bennett
 Carolyn Cutts
 Betty Ann Kea
 Carol McDonald
 Diane Glover
 Eva Watts
 Peggy McNeill



The last
graduates
1968

Inspiring Pioneers Enlightened The Dawning

from the Memoir



BISHOP HENRY PINCKNEY NORTHROP
(1842-1916)
Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston
(1883-1916)

MOTHER THERESA BARRY, O.L.M.
(1814-1900)
Mother General
(1882-1889)
(1893-1899)



Sister Xavier Dunne recognized the acute and pressing need for an infirmary to meet the needs of the Charleston community. She prevailed upon Miss McHugh to allow her donation of property to be used to build the Infirmary. Bishop Northrop and Mother Theresa Barry were influential in establishing the Infirmary.

Mother Loretto Quinlin, Mother General, recognized the necessity to prepare the Sisters to nurse; and under her leadership, the religious community established the Saint Francis Xavier Infirmary Training School in 1900. Monsignor D. J. Quigley, Ecclesiastical Superior, took a deep interest in establishing the infirmary and lent advice and encouragement to the Sisters.

The valence and dedication of the Sisters assigned to the original staff of the infirmary is outstanding. These Sisters are: Sister de Chantal Cleary, Sister Helena Marlowe, Sister Ingatius Walshe, Sister Baptist Goffart, and Sister Thomasine Moore.



SISTER XAVIER DUNNE, O.L.M.
(1813-1887)

MOTHER LORETTO QUINLIN, O.L.M.
(1848-1911)
Mother General
(1900-1910)



MONSIGNOR D. J. QUIGLEY
(?-1903)
Ecclesiastical Superior
(1882-1903)



EACH DIRECTRESS RADIATED HER SPIRIT TO HER STUDENTS



MISS MARY McKENNA
Directress 1900-1902; 1912-1919



SISTER BERNADINE MCGINLEY, O.L.M.
Directress 1902-1912



SISTER CETRUDE TARNEY, O.L.M.
Directress 1919-1942



SISTER MARIA MURPHY, O.L.M.
Directress 1942-1948



SISTER EMMANUEL BEVIS, O.L.M.
Directress 1948-1953



SISTER JOAN MARIE REYNOLDS, O.L.M.
Directress 1953-1964



SISTER MARY BASIL KERR, O.L.M.
Directress 1964-1968

"June 29, 1968, brings to a close the 68 years of service of the Saint Francis Xavier Hospital School of Nursing. It has been a time marked by a continuing responsiveness to community wants and an awareness of and an attempt to adjust to the shifting problems of present living in its dynamic approach to the expanding needs of the student nurse. Experimenting with curriculum techniques and extra curricular involvement, it has reflected in a small way the history of modern nursing. Its philosophy has always reflected a spirit of service and concern for the patient as an Individual." A Memoir, 1900-1968

SIX WEEKS WITH LAUDATO SI'

The *Laudato Si'* Committee of the Sisters of Charity Federation offers you this simple tool for study, reflection, and action on the 2015 encyclical letter of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (LS 217)

WEEK ONE

Sunday Plan to read *Laudato Si'* in six weeks – you only need to read 5 numbered sections a day!

Monday Practice deep enjoyment- savor slowly a piece of fine chocolate, a glass of wine, a deep breath.

Tuesday Get a potted plant that you will especially care for during these weeks – a particular act of creation care.

Wednesday Pray for those most affected by climate change - those living in poverty.

Thursday Try this week not to use a single disposable plastic product.

Friday Plan to host a simple soup and bread supper with your friends and watch an ecological video together.

Saturday "We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationship with other people." (LS 92) Spend some time with an animal. How is it prayer for you?

"Christian spirituality...encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption." (LS 222)

WEEK TWO

Sunday *Embrace the Silence* Sunday – Turn off I phones, TV, radio, computer. Spend time outside listening to the sounds of creation.

Monday Pray for those most affected by climate change - animal species who loose their habitat.

Tuesday Have you ever mentioned an ecological sin in confession?

Wednesday Clean your dryer's lint filter after each use –this can reduce its energy usage significantly.

Thursday Write or call your members of Congress on an ecological issue that is important to you.

Friday Abstain today from a spirit of defeatism that despairs of facing climate change.

Saturday Turn your thermostat down a few degrees in winter or up in summer and pray for those who do not have easy access to energy.

"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift we have freely received and must share with others." (LS 159)

WEEK THREE

Sunday Walk around your place of worship today and look for ways in which it could be more "green."

Monday Read a nature poet – Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, Emily Dickinson, Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Tuesday Drink a glass of water with reverence as you recall the waters of your birth and baptism.

Wednesday Pray for those most affected by climate change – millions of fisher folk in the world whose livelihood is destroyed by warming oceans and ocean acidification.

Thursday Include an ecological message, perhaps a quote from *Laudato Si'*, as part of the signature of your emails.

Friday Become more aware of your hot water use. Turn off the faucet when you scrub dishes. Shorten your shower times.

Saturday Mary's Day – "In Mary's glorified body, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty...therefore we can ask her to enable us to look at the world with eyes of wisdom." (LS 241)

"Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential part of any genuine ecology." (LS155)

WEEK FOUR

Sunday Talk a walk in your neighborhood. Do you know your neighbors? Not just the humans but trees, plants, birds, animals, bodies of water. Meet some you don't know.

Monday Pray for those most affected by climate change – children of future generations who will pay the price of our selfishness today.

Tuesday Take a nap; take a walk. Good self-care is part of integral ecology too!

Wednesday Give a donation to an environmental organization.

Thursday Use only cold water and biodegradable detergent for laundry.

Friday Light a candle and reflect on the words of martyr of the Amazon, Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, "I light a candle and look at Jesus on the cross and ask for the strength to carry the suffering of the people, the suffering of Earth."

Saturday Check your coffee, tea –are they Fair Trade? Good for workers, good for Earth.

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle." (LS 211)

WEEK FIVE

Sunday Resolve not to buy anything new this week, except essentials like food.

Monday Pray for those most affected by climate change – farmers whose livelihood is destroyed by irregular seasonal changes.

Tuesday Take a few moments to breathe deeply and become aware of the communion of air shared by all breathing things.

Wednesday Natural disasters create the social chaos that promotes human trafficking. To act for climate justice is to fight human trafficking.

Thursday Pray for Pope Francis – one of the most outstanding voices for ecological sustainability in the world.

Friday Make an act of contrition today for the ways in which you have harmed Earth, our common home.

Saturday Check your tire pressure. Low pressure tires use more gas per mile.

"Eternal Life will be a shared experience of awe, in which each creature, resplendently transfigured, will take its rightful place and have something to give to those poor men and women who will have been liberated once and for all." (LS 243)

WEEK SIX

Sunday Plan your menu for this week. Choose as many meatless meals as you can; eat as many organic, locally produced foods as possible.

Monday Pray for those most affected by climate change – people who suffer from extreme heat and poor air quality.

Tuesday Talk to a friend, family member, co-worker about what it has meant to you to live six weeks with *Laudato Si'*.

Wednesday Reflect on how we humans have betrayed our fellow creatures by our selfish consumption.

Thursday Be conscious as you eat today that every meal is a holy communion.

Friday “Jesus entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross.” (LS 99) **Saturday** Light a candle and renew your commitment to the vision of *Laudato Si'*

Sunday and forever... “Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope.” (LS 244)

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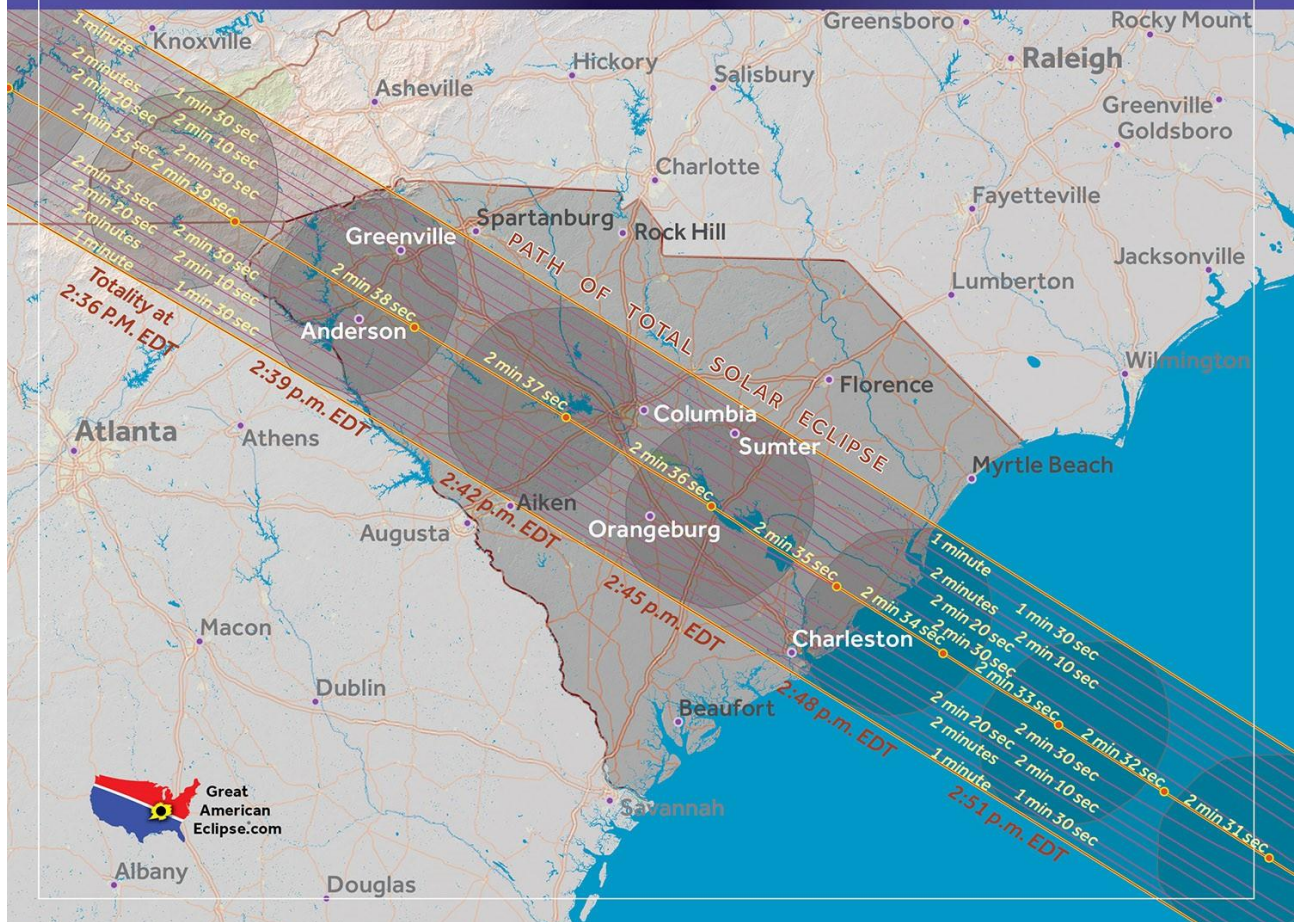
Copies of Laudato Si can be found on the internet using Google.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER SOUTH CAROLINA ON AUGUST 21, 2017

The sight of a lifetime



Don't miss it!



On Aug. 21, a total solar eclipse will be visible from the continental United States. It'll be the first to traverse coast to coast in nearly a century. There will be 69 total solar eclipses visible from somewhere on the planet in the next 100 years, but only a few will be visible from North America.

What is a total solar eclipse?

A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon covers the face of the Sun as seen from Earth. The complete coverage allows us to see the day as if it were night, and it reveals the solar corona's ghostly wisps. North American viewers off the eclipse path will still see a partial solar eclipse.

Where's the best place to watch the 2017 solar eclipse?

The best location to watch the total eclipse will be along the eclipse path that crosses the United States from Oregon to South Carolina. This total eclipse is on the shorter side, with a maximum duration of 2 minutes and 40.1 seconds. Canada, Mexico, and continental America off the path of totality will see a partial solar eclipse.

When's the next solar eclipse?

The next total solar eclipse will occur on June 2, 2019, when the eclipse path will fall largely over the Pacific Ocean. Some viewers on land in Chile and Argentina will spot totality at sunset. Find more information at [NASA's eclipse site](#).



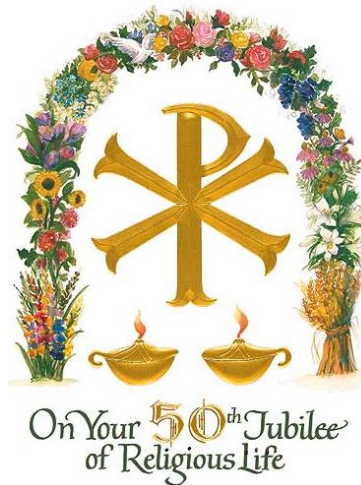
Looking directly at the Sun is unsafe except during the brief total phase of a solar eclipse ("totality"), when the Moon entirely blocks the Sun's bright face, which will happen only within the narrow path of totality.



The only safe way to look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses" (example shown at left) or handheld solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun.



Sister Stella
Maris Craven



Sister Donna
Lareau

2017 Jubilarians

2017 Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy Bishop
England High School Scholarship Winner Lily Woods

