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# **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 A.D.

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit – Pastoral Letter of

His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

"...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God's love!" - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk "The Vibrant Parish"

"...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов'ю!" - Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука "Жива Парафія"

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory to Him Forever! Slava Isusu Chrystu! — Slava na Viky! Слава Ісусу Христу! — Слава на Віки! Christ is among us! — He is and will be!



Tue., **Sept. 4**<sup>th</sup> – **9:30** a.m. Divine Liturgy:

Wed., **Sept. 5**<sup>th</sup> – **9:30 a.m.** Divine Liturgy:

Thurs., **Sept.**  $6^{th}$  – **9:30** a.m. Divine Liturgy: For repose of the soul of Mrs. Zofia Bulat ( $1^{st}$  Year Memorial service requested by Mr. Gregory Bulat and Family)

Fri., **Sept. 7**<sup>th</sup> - **7:00 p.m.** Vespers:

Saturday, Sept. 8th NANIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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- **10:00** a.m. Divine Liturgy: (Service in Kelowna, BC)

- 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Penticton, BC)

Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th,</sup> – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Service in Kelowna, BC)

- 11:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Vernon, BC)
- 3:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners (Service in Grindrod, BC)

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry: Baptisms: by appointment. Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing (by appointment, any time)

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

**Holy Communion**: for the sick, by appointment, any time \* Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.

# Liturgical Propers in English language:

Tone 6, text from book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"; pages 101-103

**Epistle:** A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: (2 Cor. 4:6-15)

Brethers and Sisters, God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. This treasure we possess in earthen vessels to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us.

We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed; full of doubts, we never despair. We are persecuted but never abandoned; we are struck down but never destroyed. Continually we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed. While we live we are constantly being delivered to death for



Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. Death is at work in us, but life in you. We have that spirit of faith of which the Scripture says, "Because I believed, I spoke out." We believe and so we speak, knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up along with Jesus and place both us and you in his presence. Indeed, everything is ordered to your benefit, so that the grace bestowed in abundance may bring greater glory to God because they who give thanks are many.

**Gospel:** (*Matthew* 22:35-46)

At that time a certain lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well." In turn Jesus put a question to the assembled Pharisees, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "David's," they answered. He said to them, "Then how is it that David under the Spirit's influence calls him 'Lord," as he does: 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, until I humble your enemies beneath your feet'? If David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could give him an answer; therefore no one dared, from that day on, to ask him any questions.

Our Eparch, Bishop Ken is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a

missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

❖ Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion: You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast − no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

# Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 6, текст "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 100-102

**Апостол**: До Коринтян другого послання св. Апостола Павла читання: (2 Kop 4, 6-15)

Браття і Сестри, Бог, який сказав: «Нехай із темряви світло засяє», — він освітлив серця наші, щоб у них сяяло знання Божої слави, що на обличчі Ісуса Христа. A маємо цей скарб у глиняних

посудинах, щоб було видно,що велич сили  $\epsilon$  від Бога,а не від нас. Нас тиснуть звідусіль, але ми не пригноблені; ми в труднощах, та ми не втрачаємо надії; нас гонять, та ми не покинуті; ми повалені, та не знищені. Увесь час носимо в тілі мертвоту Ісуса,щоб і життя Ісуса в нашім житті було явним. Нас бо ввесь час



живими віддають на смерть із -за Ісуса, щоб і життя Ісуса було явним у нашім смертнім тілі. І так смерть діє в нас, а життя у вас. Та мавши той самий дух віри, про який написано: «Я вірував, тому й говорив »,— то й ми віримо,тому й говоримо; бо знаємо,що той,хто воскресив Господа Ісуса, — воскресить і нас з Ісусом і поставить з вами. Бо все це ради вас, щоб розмножена благодать через багатьох збагатила подяку на славу Божу.

### **Євангеліє**: (Матея 22, 35-46)

В тому часі один законовчитель приступив до Ісуса І спитав його, спокушаючи: "Учителю, котра найбільша заповідь у законі?" Він же сказав до нього: "Люби Господа, Бога твого,всім твоїм серцем, усією твоєю душею і всією думкою твоєю: це найбільша й найперша заповідь. А друга подібна до неї: Люби ближнього твого, як себе самого. На ці дві заповіді ввесь закон і пророки спираються." Коли фарисеї були вкупі, Ісус спитав їх: "Що ви думаєте про Христа? Чий він син?" Кажуть йому: "Давидів." Він до них мовить: "Як же Давид у надхненні називає його Господом, кажучи: Господь промовив Владиці моєму: Сідай праворуч мене, доки не покладу твоїх ворогів тобі під ноги. Коли, отже, Давид його Господом називає, то як він може бути його сином?" І ніхто не міг йому відповісти й слова, і від того дня ніхто не важився більше його запитувати.



Молитва Живої Парафії: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми

були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

# >>>>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО! <<<<<<

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, volunteer and organize coffee and socials, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, welcomed guests and visitors, volunteered sharing time and care helping at the coffee-socials, cleaning and organizing,

cutting parish lawn, worked many hours boiling and folding hundreds of pounds of cabbage and helping with many other parish projects and programs, donated, volunteered and supported our Saint Volodymyr Eparchial Camp this year, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

May the Almighty God bless in

good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Andriy and Mrs. Lesia Tomashevski on their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>), Katrina Billinton on her birthday (Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>), Mrs. Maria Matsychko on her birthday (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>), Nazariy Myts oh his birthday (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>), and to all those who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

**Congratulations to a** newly baptized brother in Christ Eli Michael Kain Charters, as he has received the Mysteries/Sacraments of Initiation: Christian Baptism, the Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at our Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic parish in Grindrod, BC today! May the Almighty God lead and bless, our newly baptized brother in Christ. parents, relatives, godparents, friends whole our spiritual family

#### TODA Y'S GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Today's Gospel summarises our whole Christian faith: 'Love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Unfortunately, we are so accustomed to hearing these words that we sometimes forget what they really mean. In fact, in order to love God, only two things are necessaru:

First of all, we must believe in God, Who is the Creator of all things visible and invisible. It is no use believing in a god who is just a convenient idea, on whom we can peg responsibilities or blame, as it pleases us. It is very common nowadays to hear: 'We all have the same god'. These words are quite untrue. There are some people for whom god is an alcohol, drugs, cigars, cars and homes, pleaseres, money and fancy life; for others their idol is a pop star, a football team, gambling, TV or internet. Thus, it approves that people have different gods - idols.

Secondly, we have to believe in God, Who is Love. The Christian God is God in Three Persons, Who love each other, a perfect unity in diversity. The Christian God is He, Who sent His Only-Begotten Son Jesus Christ into our Earthly World. In an act of self-giving/self-sacrificial love Messiah gave up His life out of compassion for all humankind.

When a lawyer asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. He answered by saying, "Love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul." He continued, "And the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Bible's teachings depend on all this.

What does it mean to love yourself? Does your body love your soul? Does your foot or hand love your mind? The Church Fathers inherited from the Apostles the understanding that loving your neighbor as yourself is technically loving your neighbor as being yourself or being like yourself. We are all made by God and standing before God and sharing the same human life. The standard is loving God's image and likeness, which we, people, are all created in.

It always starts with God, so that you love yourself by loving others, even to the point of self-sacrifice and self-denial. Instead of worshiping yourself, we should be sharing ourselves with the others which is the heavenly, dignifying standard of loving your neighbor as yourself!

by keeping him growing wise and safe for good of his family, church and country for many, happy, healthy and blessed years of life – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

## **NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY! WISHING YOU A BLESSED, RESTFUL WEEKEND AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE WEEK! EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH COFFEE-SOCIAL AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY.
- We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

- **BLESSING ON THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**: Blessing on the beginning of the school year for all students & teachers as well as myrovania/blessing with the holy oil and distribution of the blessed bread to everyone will take place after the Divine Liturgy at the church on next Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Mark Fesniak., Lucy D., Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward Ewanko., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Rocio A., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Roman Deichakivskyi, Kalyna Kociuba, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Dorothy Scott, Lorraine Turcotte, all members of our parish and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation. SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS: Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him /her know that our parish community misses him / her very much!
- ❖ On behalf of our church Christian family, assurance of our prayers and deepest sympathy are to Mrs. Iryna and Mr. Brian Posthumus, their family, relatives and friends! Iryna's father Roman has fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> in Ukraine. May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ place Mr. Roman Deichakivskyi soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may his memory be everlasting with the Lord and our prayers! − Vichnaya Pamyat'!
  - DOLYNA Ukrainian Cultural Society: Ukrainian Dance and Culture Classes start on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

    Beginner 4-5 years, Junior 6-8 years, Intermediate 9-12 years, Senior 13 year adult, Adult class. Please, contact: dolynadancers@gmail.com, Diana at (250) 451-9363, Ashley at (250) 808-0363, or visit a website: www.dolynadancers.com
    - ❖ Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank. A special box is located at the entrance to the church.
  - ❖ JOIN OUR CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.



**Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish**: Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Borshch – \$ 7.00 per a jar, Pies – \$ 9.00. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

❖ A SPECIAL REQUEST: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well. please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return

them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much!

\* BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS — since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance.

**♦ BE A STEWARD**: Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds

cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, Contact Mr. Neil Lalach or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life!

**Glasses Prescription Box for Ukraine** is placed and located at the left side by the entrance to the parish hall. Please, feel free to participate in and support this important project.



#### Rachel's Corner:

"He ran to me, He took me in His arms, held my head to His chest, said "... Come home again!" Lifted my face, wiped the tears from my eyes, with forgiveness in His voice He said, "...Do you know I still love You?"

- Lyrics from "When God Ran" by Phillips, Craig and Dean

Can you imagine what that would be like to have Our Lord run up to you and embrace you joyfully only to assure you of His great love for you? Join others on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover that merciful embrace that is just for you.

#### Healing after Abortion Ministry 250-762-2273

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com or information and registration visit: www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Our next retreat, for anyone suffering from an abortion experience, will take place October 12, 2018. It is not too early to register. Please contact us at info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, 250-762-2273. Strict confidence assured.

\* FAITHFUL GIVING ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tornaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your me rcy upon all of us!" (Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)



# Ukrainian Jerusalem blessed in Zarvanytsia

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Svyatoslav (Shevchuk) blessed the unique complex dubbed Ukrainian Jerusalem at the Marian Spiritual Center of Zarvanytsia. The worship was attended by the Custos of the Holy Land, Frt Francesco Patton, OMF, who brought a stone from the Holy Sepulcher. The holy relics will be built into a copy of the building in Zarvanytsia.

According to the Department of Information of the UGCC, His Beatitude Svyatoslav greeted the assembly

of archbishops of the UGCC, led by Archbishop and Metropolitan Vasyl (Semenyuk) of Ternopil and Zboriv, about a hundred priests and a large number of faithful.

At first, everyone attended the Cathedral of the Mother of God of Zarvanytsia where the prayer service to the Holy Theotokos was performed before the wonderworking icon. Then the procession under the majestic sound of the bells took to the top of the hill past the station of the Cross Road, to the place of blessing.

Construction of a unique complex of religious buildings of the Holy Land began in the summer of 2014. During this time, the professionals were able to reproduce a copy of the Holy Sepulcher, the Calvary, the mountain on which Jesus Christ was crucified, the olive garden where Jesus prayed before His arrest, the Stairs of Repentance (Holy Stairs) which Jesus Christ ascended on His way to Pilate's trial; the pool of Bethesda where He healed the sick, the Lion (Lions) Gate, and the Tower of David.

Source: https://risu.org.ua/en/index/all\_news/culture/religious\_ceremonies/72408/

# Cardinal shares message of 'Laudato Si" at Ghana World Youth Day event

ACCRA, Ghana - A top Vatican official urged young people at a local World Youth Day gathering to protect the planet and actively live the teachings of Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment.

Expressing concern for the accelerating degradation of Earth, Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, told 3,000 Ghanaians Aug. 5 to learn, know and spread the message of the 2015 papal teaching.

Turkson returned to his native Ghana for the country's fourth local observance of World Youth Day. The event allowed young people unable to travel to the Catholic Church's global World Youth Day in January in Panama to gather in their homeland for a celebration.

Emphasizing that Earth is like a mother to humans, Turkson called for deeper respect and more concrete steps to protect the planet during the event's closing ceremony. He also appealed for greater attention to the needs of poor and disadvantaged people.

The cardinal also addressed the importance of the need to change lifestyles to reduce environmental abuse. He noted that Francis acknowledges that environmental awareness is growing as the world better understands the impact of the damage being done to Earth and all life on the planet.

The pope, he said, remains hopeful about the possibility of reversing the trend of environmental abuse as people adopt the encyclical's teachings.

The cardinal explained to the young Ghanaians that the full title of the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, *On Care for Our Common Home*, was inspired by the invocation of St. Francis of Assisi, "Praise be to you my Lord," in his Canticle of the Creatures.

Climate change, he said, is a growing concern because it affects everyone and that the well-being of future generations is at stake.

He noted that scientific consensus holds that human activities have led to global warming, which has caused climates to change as shown through now unpredictable rainfall patterns, the extinction of some plant and animal species and the disappearance of islands and atolls under rising seas.

To save the earth and environment from destruction, he called for an end to the felling of trees at current rates. He also advocated for the reintroduction of the Arbor Day celebration in Ghana and elsewhere to encourage the planting of trees.

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# Use internet to promote tourism that respects environment, Vatican says

ROME - With more and more people planning their vacations online and sharing their experiences digitally, the tourism industry and tourists themselves should pay more attention to using online forums to encourage respect for the locales visited and for the communities that live there, the Vatican said.

In a message for the Sept. 27 celebration of World Tourism Day, Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, said the "digital transformation" of tourism has the potential for promoting happier and healthier vacations that do more to protect the natural environment and promote authentic encounters between people.

The cardinal's message was released by the Vatican Aug. 4. For the 2018 celebration of the day, the World Tourism Organization is focusing on the industry's digital transformation. The cardinal's message

noted how digital technology is "dramatically changing the way we live periods of rest, vacation, mobility and tourism in all its forms."

Digital innovation, Turkson wrote, should have the aim of "promoting inclusiveness, increasing the engagement of people and local communities and achieving an intelligent and equitable management of resources."

The growing use of online resources and comments can increase the quality of services, but also can "educate people on the shared responsibility toward our 'common home' in which we live, generating forms of innovation for the functional recovery of waste, recycling and creative reuse that helps protect the environment," the cardinal said.

The Vatican's hope, he said, is that "tourism will contribute to glorifying God, and to increasingly validating human dignity, mutual knowledge, spiritual brotherhood, refreshment of body and soul."

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