

'You can't just have the newest and best everything. You have to learn to say no. We're asking you to consume less, And I know that's a hard sell. It shouldn't be, but it is.'

— FATHER TOM YURCHAK

Oregon can boast a low carbon footprint, but that won't prevent the state from feeling the effects of violent interregional shifts in weather activity. While Catholic bishops in southern California are literally praying for rain, experts predict that the drought will spend the summer creeping further into eastern Oregon, even Washington. Farmers can expect record heat and meager rainfall. Gov. Kate Brown has declared a drought in 19 Oregon counties, including Lane County.

It is precisely in the face of such challenges that the report was released. While ostensibly it is an apolitical document, Pope Francis speaks to the times in a way that demands action. The title *Laudato Si* derives from a hymn, "Canticle of the Sun," composed by St. Francis of Assisi some 600 years prior to the advent of the internal combustion engine. Assisi calls this planet "our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us."

Find the pope's full encyclical letter at wkly.ws/21c.
— Adrian Black

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