#### The Letter film fact sheet

### Context

Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si', published in 2015, presents millennia of Catholic teaching on ecology in the light of today's planetary crisis. Offering a sense of direction for all men and women of goodwill, it seeks to create a new dialogue on our planet.

Laudato Si' has often been referred to as the most quoted encyclical in history. Although it has reached millions of people both within and beyond the Catholic Church, popular cultural awareness of this approximately 200-page document remains relatively low. A new documentary film, *The Letter*, presents some of the key messages of the encyclical in a digital format.

By hearing the Pope's own words and seeing how diverse frontline leaders from around the world are living the planetary crisis, viewers experience the Laudato Si' message that "everything is connected." For more information on the film's protagonists, see <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhtml.neg">TheLetterFilm.org</a>.

## **Distribution**

The film will be available free of charge through YouTube Originals. This marks the first time that a film with exclusive access to a Pope will be available through a free streaming service.

*The Letter* is currently available in English and with Spanish subtitles. Dubbed versions in Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and French will be available later in the month.

#### Credits

The film is presented by YouTube Originals and produced by Off the Fence in partnership with Laudato Si' Movement.

Off the Fence Productions is an Oscar-winning producer of factual television and feature-length theatrical documentaries. <u>Laudato Si' Movement</u> is a global network of grassroots leaders and 900+ member organizations. Its mission is to inspire and mobilize the Catholic community to care for our common home and achieve climate and ecological justice.

The director is award-winning filmmaker Nicolas Brown. The executive producers of the film are Bo Stehmeier and Tomás Insua. The producers are Ellen Windemuth and Sam Barton-Humphreys.

The Dicastery for Communication and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development collaborated in the film's production.

# **Digital Channels**

The website of the film is <u>TheLetterFilm.org</u>
The hashtag of the film is #LaudatoSiFilm
The social media channels of the film are
<u>Facebook</u>
<u>Instagram</u>

The social media channels of Laudato Si Movement are Facebook Instagram

The website of Laudato Si' Movement is LaudatoSiMovement.org