

## **Ramapo College to Host Conference on Sept. 16 on Papal Environmental Encyclical *Laudato Sí***

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Ramapo College of New Jersey will host a conference, "*Laudato Sí* – Sustainability and Social Justice," on Wednesday, September 16 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. The conference is free and open to the public.

The event will focus on Ramapo's commitment to sustainability and its correlation/reaction to the message of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Sí* ("Be praised" or "Praise be to you"), the only papal document devoted entirely to environmentalism. The event is in advance of Pope Francis' visit to the United States later this month.

The schedule is as follows:

4:30 p.m. GREETINGS -- Aaron Lorenz, Dean, School of Social Science and Human Services

4:35 p.m. READING (from the opening of the Encyclical) – Professor Rosetta D'Angelo

4:40 p.m. – REMARKS -- Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer

4:45 p.m. "OUR COMMON CALLING" -- Distinguished Professor Anthony Padovano

5:10 p.m. "AN INTEGRAL ECOLOGY EXPLORED IN DEEP TIME" -- Sister Miriam MacGillis, Genesis Farm

5:25 p.m. "*LAUDATO SÍ* AS SOCIAL ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY" -- Professor Wayne Hayes

5:40 p.m. "LOOK AT REALITY IN A DIFFERENT WAY" -- Professor Emeritus Trent Schroyer

5:55 p.m. "OUR GLOBAL MOMENT" -- Robert Hennelly, journalist

6:10 p.m. "ALL THINGS SACRED" -- Professor Chuck Stead

6:25-7:15 p.m. ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

with Marta Bautis, Jackie Skrzynski, Rosetta D'Angelo, Harriet Shugarman, Sridevi Shivarajan, Sangha Padhy, Michael Edelstein, Ashwani Vasishth, Howard Horowitz, representatives from Campus Ministries

7:15-7:45 p.m. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Topics include:

- Science, Technology, and Religion"
- Impacts on Climate Change Policy"
- Connections with Indigenous Peoples"
- Economic Policy and Social Justice
- Insights and Impacts on education

7:45-8:00 p.m. FINAL REMARKS and follow-up plans

The event is being sponsored by the Institute of Environmental Studies with support from the School of Social Sciences and Human Services at Ramapo College. For additional information, please email [horowitz@ramapo.edu](mailto:horowitz@ramapo.edu)