

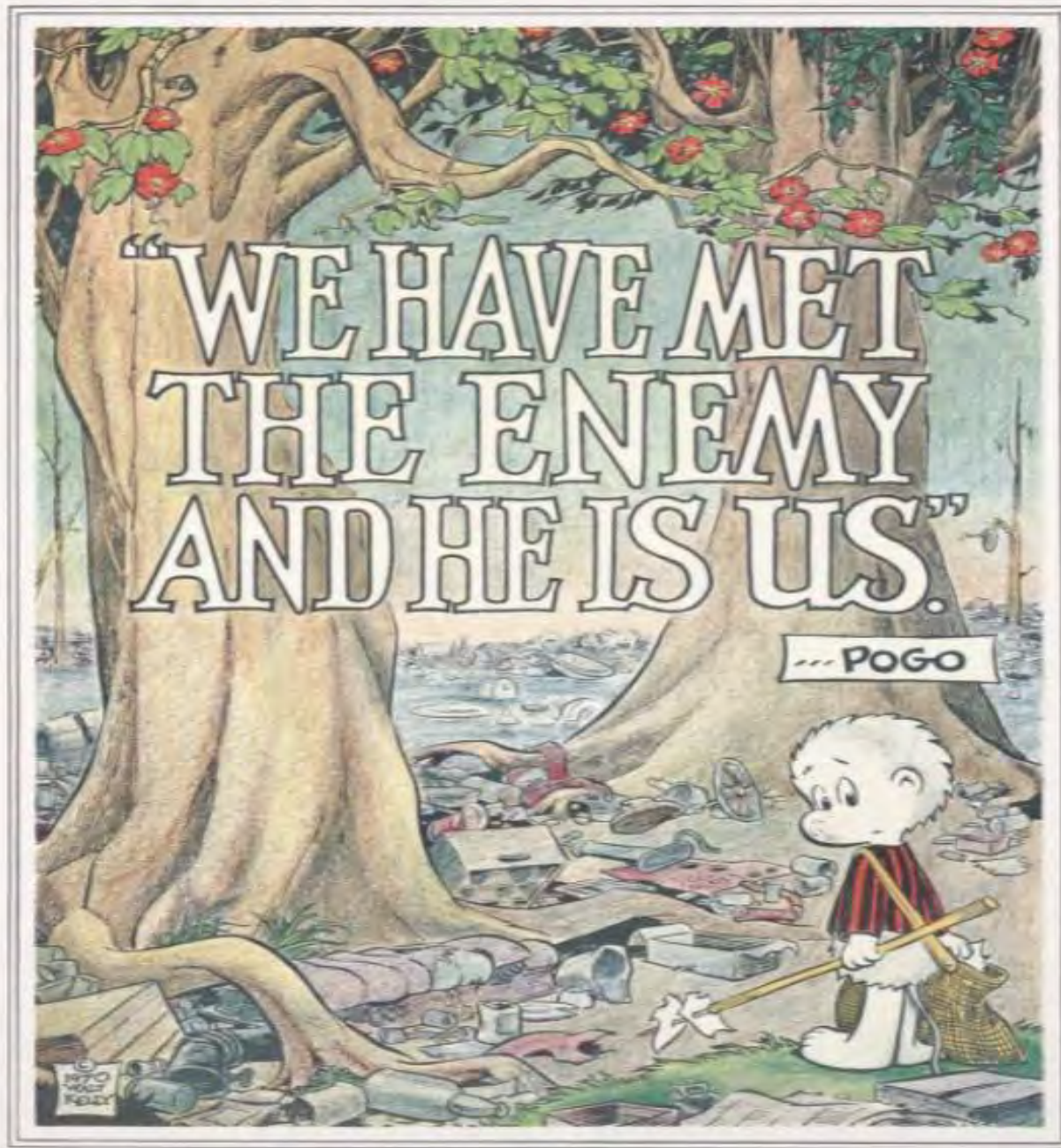
Infusing Schools and Young People with a Laudato Si' Perspective

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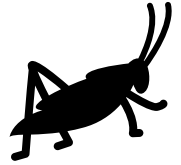
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A Laudato Si' Perspective

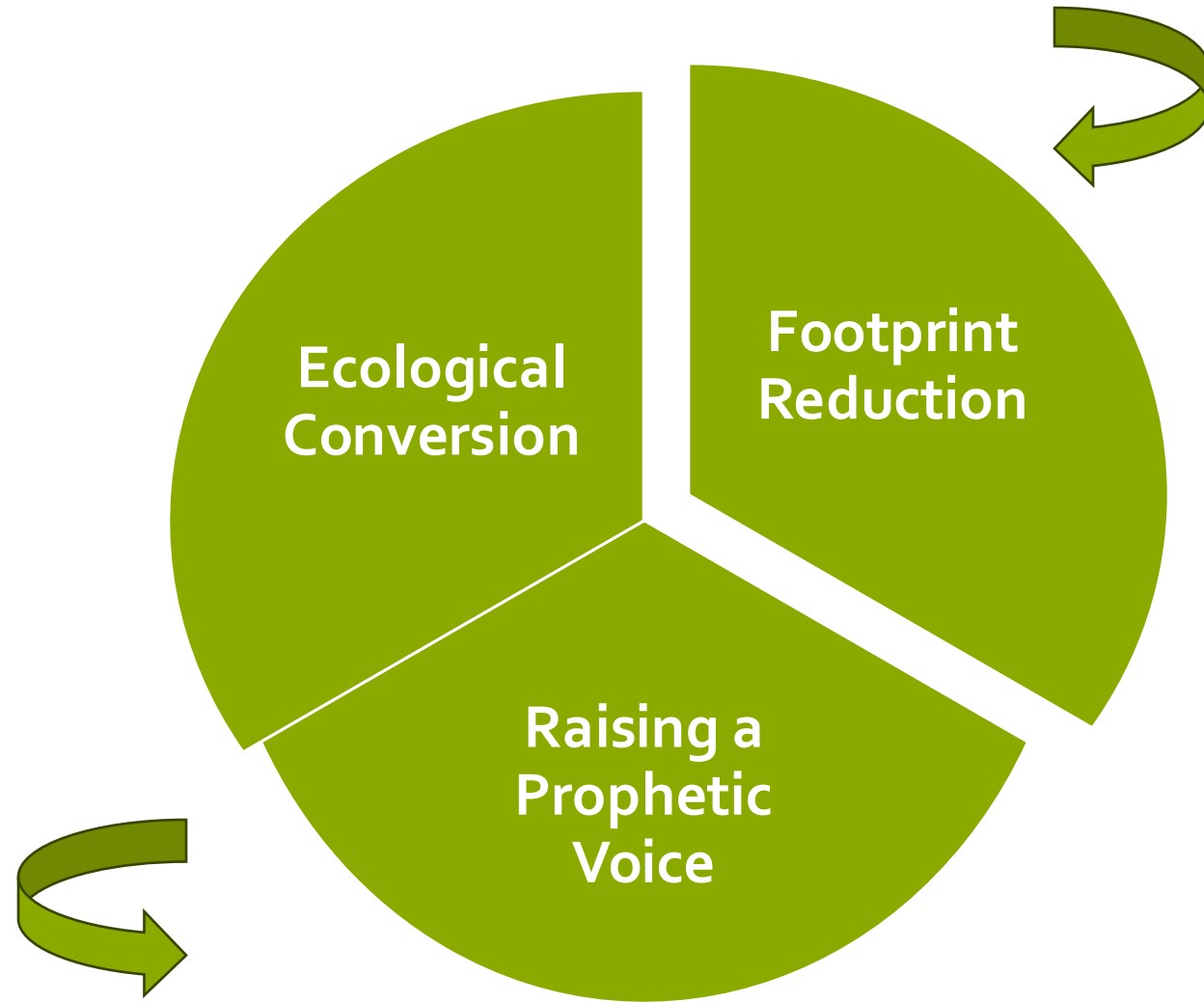


We must recognize our interconnectedness to creation...we must respond to non-human creation as “brother” and “sister”

By paying attention to the details in creation and looking for opportunities to gaze contemplatively at nature, we can develop an awareness of the intrinsic value of everything that exists

Contact with nature needs to be a fundamental component of our way of life...A trip to the ocean, a walk in the woods, working in the garden, etc. are important, not primarily for what they produce, but for their inherent Christ-contact.





Strategic Goals of Laudato Si' Movement

Examples from each Goal

Ecological Conversion

Organize an outdoor mass

Hold a prayer service outdoors

Organize a Creation Walk or Pilgrimage

Promote *Season of Creation* and/or *Laudato Si' Week* during mass

Join/Start a Laudato Si' Circle



Raising a Prophetic Voice

Organize/Participate in a climate strike

Organize a signature drive against fossil fuel

Organize an information campaign about a local environmental issue

Participate or organize campaigns for natural area restoration/conservation in your area

Footprint Reduction

Tree planting/tree growing

Parish grounds clean up

Start a parish garden

Hold a sustainability event

Organize a swap party

Go vegetarian/vegan for Advent or Lent



PLEASE USE THE SEARCH AND FILTER OPTIONS BELOW TO BROWSE THE RESOURCES.

Search for resources

Resource language

English



Laudato Si' Goal

All Goals



Sector

All Sectors



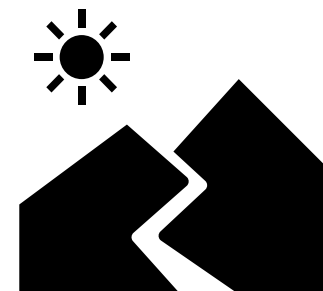
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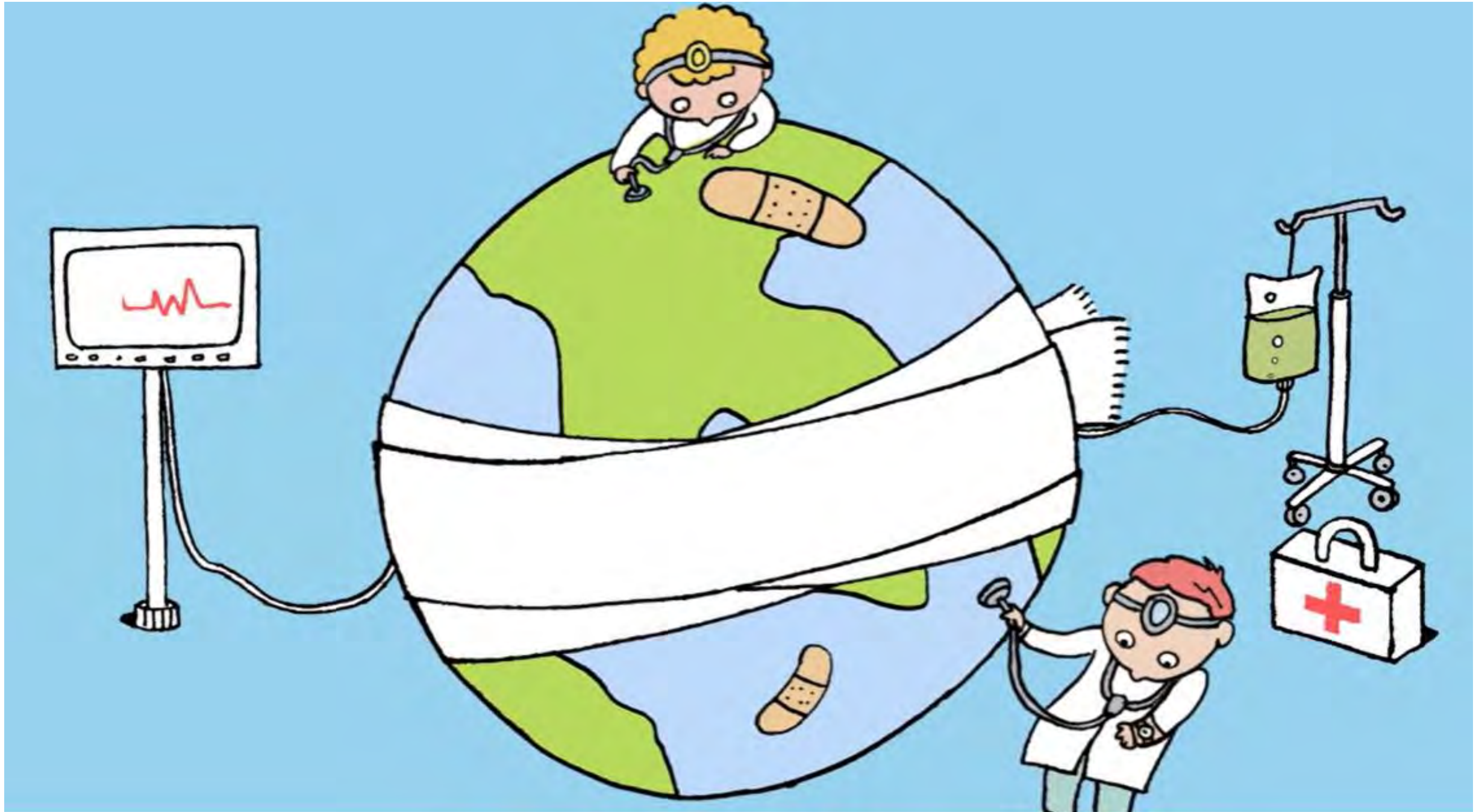


Example of Resources

- Zero Hero Campaign for Primary Schools- CAFOD
- CREATION CORNER – Ecological Conversion Resources
 - Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong
- Climate Action & Training Communication Programme
 - Don Bosco Green Alliance
- Oceans of Plastic- A Resource for Sunday Schools
 - Anglican Communion Environmental Network/Green Anglicans/Anglicans Alliance









'Let us not miss a kind word, smile or small gesture which spreads peace and friendship.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 230



LAUDATO SI' CREATION WALK

Celebrating Laudato Si' Week
May 24, 2021
Marian Gonsior



Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

From New International Version



When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and worship him in union with them.

(from *Laudato Si'* #12)



What do you see?



kingfisher

kingfisher

Kingfisher: the colour-giver, fire-bringer, flame-flicker,
river's quiver.

Ink-black bill, orange throat, and a quick blue
back-gleaming feather-stream.

Neat and still it sits on the snag of a stick, until with...

Gold-flare, wing-fan, whipcrack the kingfisher –
zingfisher, singfisher! –

Flashes down too fast to follow, quick and quicker
carves its hollow

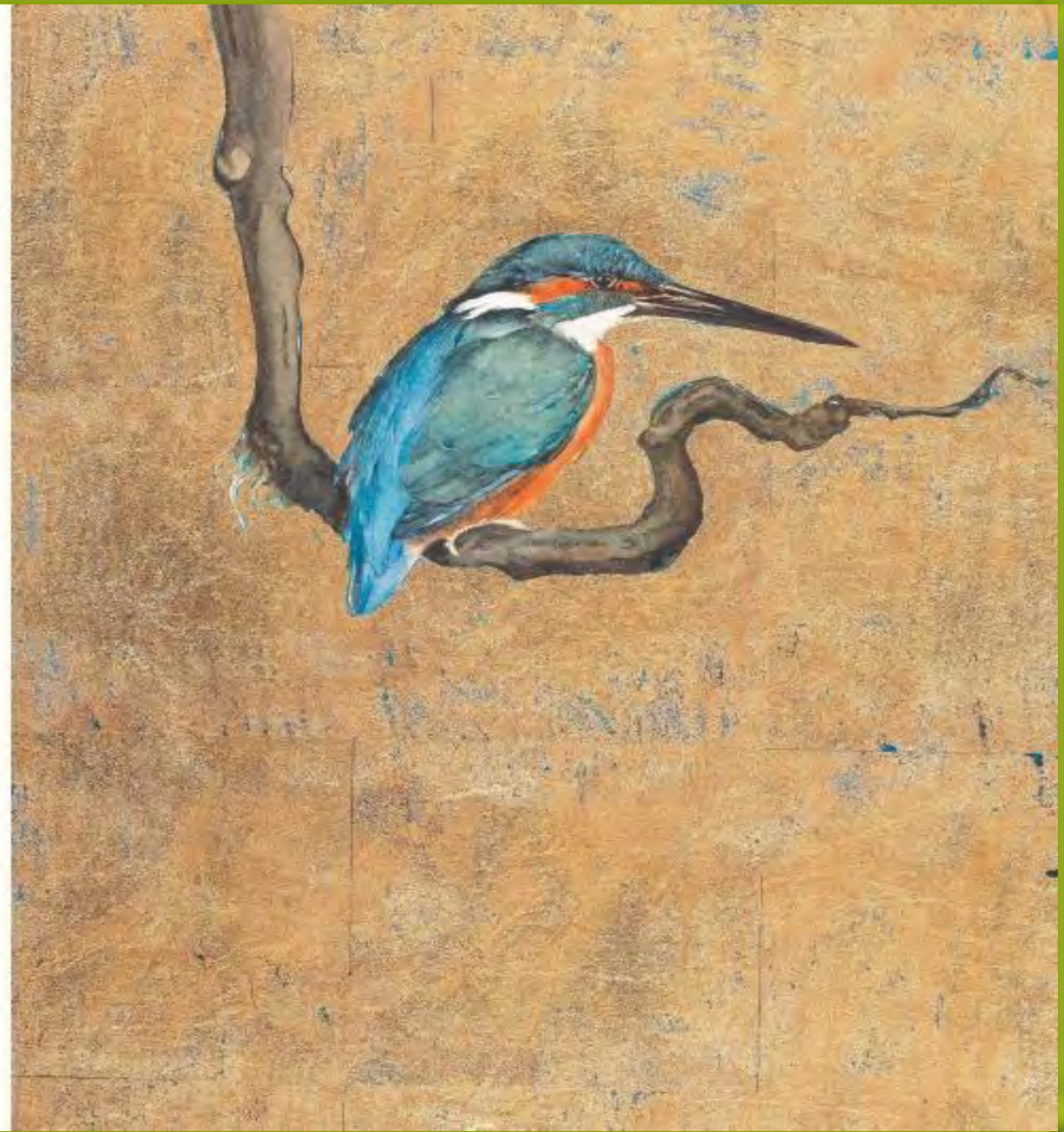
In the water, slings its arrow superswift to swallow

Stickleback or shrimp or minnow.

Halcyon is its other name – also ripple-calmer,
water-nester,

Evening angler, weather-teller, rainbringer and

Rainbow bird – that sets the stream alight with burn
and glitter!

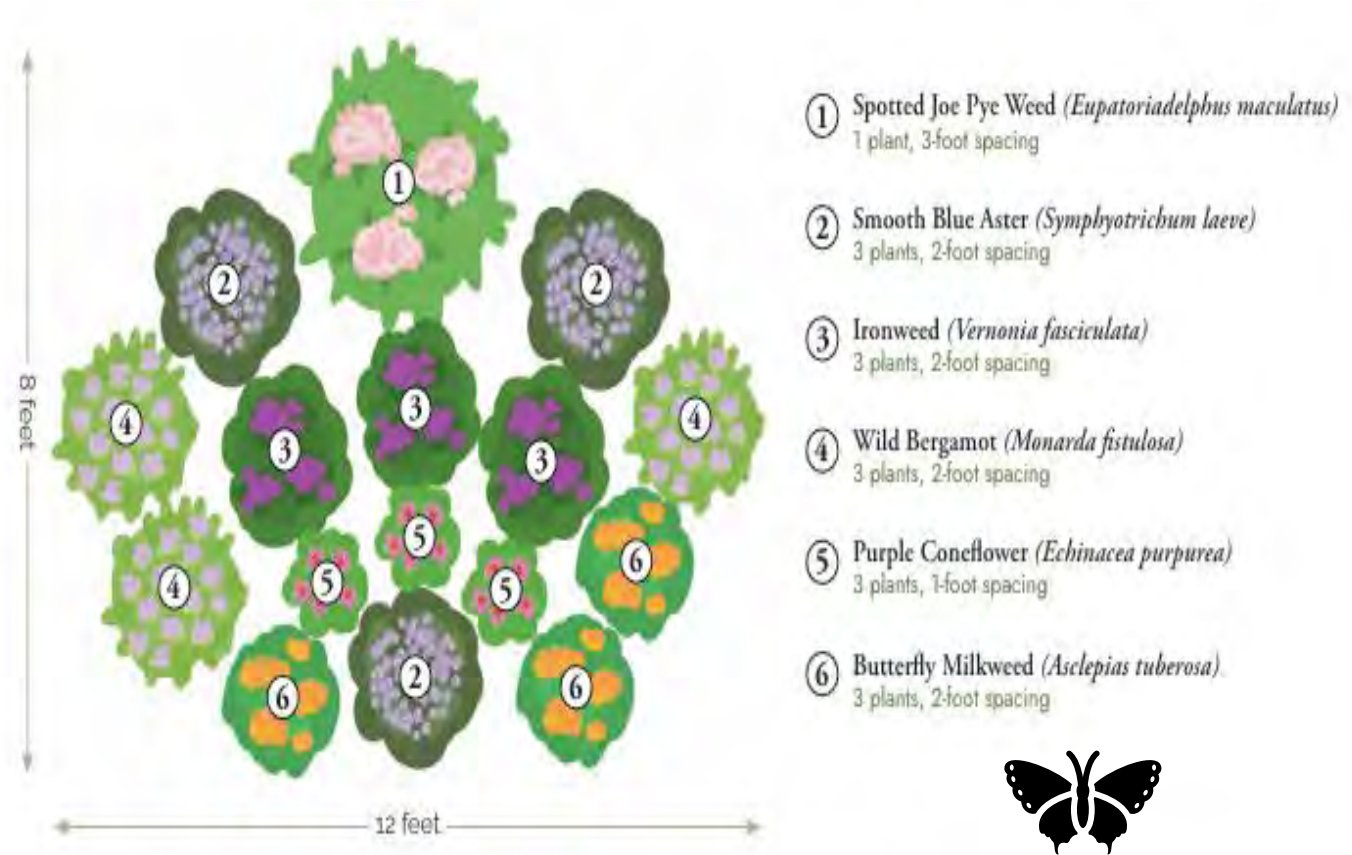




White oak, *Quercus alba*
North Pin oak, *Quercus laevis*
Bur oak, *Quercus macrocarpa*

The Oak fossil seen here is the
shape of an Oak leaf. The
and toothed edges are
and varied across species.

Parish or School Gardens-Mary & Pollinator



Suggested add-ons*: Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*), Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), Purple Love Grass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*), and Rough Blazing Star (*Liatris aspera*).

*Individual plants can be purchased at our in-person sale.

Low Border Plants

- | | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Forget-me-not | - | Eyes of Mary |
| Impatiens | - | Mother Love |
| Petunia | - | Our Lady's Praises |
| Sweet Alyssum | - | Flower of the Cross |



ART FOR THE EARTH

Area teens were asked to translate the experiences of being outside into artwork; reflecting upon their observations, feelings, and thoughts following an hour-long immersion in the outdoors. Artists ethically gathered found materials along the nature trails; such as leaf litter, fallen twigs, last fall's dried seed pods, and pinecones. The collections were combined into collages; each unique to the artists' individual translations of their influences and experiences. This process of building personal ties to the land fosters a sense of place, care for the environment, and mutual consideration. Art is a powerful tool for connecting and sharing. These works are a reminder of our role as active participants in our environments and our obligations to act as stewards in preserving circular ecosystems.

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