

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

*His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson
Prefect
Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development*

*The Holy Father was pleased to learn of the International Conference marking the fourth anniversary of the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* to be held in Nairobi from 15 to 16 July 2019, and he asks you kindly to convey his cordial greetings to all the participants. As you reflect on the Conference's theme, "*Laudato Si' Generation: Young People Caring of our Common Home*", His Holiness hopes that your initiative may foster among all members of society, especially the young, a greater ecological sensitivity and concern for the environment. So too he prays that your Conference may seek "to promote best practice, to stimulate creativity in seeking new solutions and to encourage individual or group initiatives" (*Laudato Si'*, 177). With these sentiments, Pope Francis assures you of his prayerful solidarity, as he invokes upon all present the divine blessings of wisdom and strength.*

Cardinal Pietro Parolin

Secretary of State