

Laudato Si' Calls Us

*Care for nature is part of a lifestyle
which includes the capacity for living together and communion.”
(LS 228)*

***“We must regain the conviction
that we need one another,
that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world,
and that being good and decent are worth it.” (LS 229)***

Laudato Si' presents the natural world as the Gospel, the good news, of creation, as an expression of God's infinite love for every creature. God has oriented creation for universal communion, and earthly goods therefore belong to all people and to all creatures. “Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.” (240) “The world was created by the **three Persons** acting as a single divine principle, but each one of them performed this common work in accordance with his own personal property.” (238)

This encyclical integrates the concerns of the planet with those of the poor. “Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*” (49)



“Although the post-industrial period may well be remembered as one of the most irresponsible in history, nonetheless there is a reason to hope that humanity at the dawn of the twenty-first century will be remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities.” (165) Responding to this crisis can be a truly ecumenical experience that can create a common home for the whole of humanity as we act together to provide and maintain our home to include all other creatures and the elements of our universe.

Video Reflections:

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