

COMMUNION

Our common home

Thoughts for Laudato Si.

Creation is God's gift to us and we-humanity– are the gift of God to one another.

The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world.

Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.

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.

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations.

Turn over to discuss your thoughts on these points and write down your question and 3/4 possible points of view

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Our thoughts:

What do you do to make your life a gift to others?

Is there anything you could do to make better use of the resources we have?

Does being a Christian influence how I look at the world around me?

Our Action