

WISDOM for EARTH CARE

Joy – Grief - Hope

LAUDATO SI'





Creation is God's first
and primordial revelation.

According to Pope Francis,
“God has written a precious book, ‘whose
letters are the multitude of created things
present in the universe’.” (85)

Creation is, indeed,
the very first epiphany of God.

«Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection. Saint Basil the Great described the Creator as "goodness without measure", while Dante Alighieri spoke of "the love which moves" ...

(Laudato si', 77)



Caring for our common home is our original vocation

The stewardship of the earthly garden is the first and primary task entrusted to Adam - the first human being, as we read in the creation narratives in Genesis.

It is the very first commandment given to humanity, our original “job description”!.

“surely no creature
other than man
has ever managed
to foul its nest
in such short order”

(Lynn White, 1967)



We need to remember
that at the deepest level
the ecological crisis
is a profoundly
spiritual and religious crisis ...

“The violence present in our hearts,
wounded by sin, is also reflected
in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil,
in the water, in the air and in all forms of life”

(Laudato Si', 2)

**«the external
deserts are expanding
because the internal
deserts have become
so vast ...**

**(Pope Benedict XVI,
2005)**



... Quoted by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*, 217

... a metaphysics of interrelatedness!

«... human life is grounded
in three fundamental and closely
intertwined relationships:
with **God**, with our **neighbour**
and with the **earth** itself.»

(Laudato Si', 66)



“All is not lost.

Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (LS, 207)

As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning . . . Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.

(Earth Charter – LS, 207)

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites the Churches, religions and all people of good will, to care for our fragile planetary home, before it is too late.

«I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.»

(Laudato Si', 14)

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ACTION PLATFORM

“Preparing the Future” Together

**TO MAKE COMMUNITIES
AROUND THE WORLD
TOTALLY SUSTAINABLE
IN THE SPIRIT OF
THE INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
OF LAUDATO SI'**

ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION IN ACTION ...

(A 7-year Journey)

1. Families

2. Parishes and Dioceses

3. Educational Institutions

(Schools, Universities, et al.)

4. Hospitals and Health Care Centres

5. Economy

(Businesses, Co-operatives, Farms)

6. Organizations

(NGOs, Movements, Groups, Foundations, Communication Centres, et al.)

7. Religious Orders

(Communities, Provinces, Congregations)