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**LAUDATO SI'**

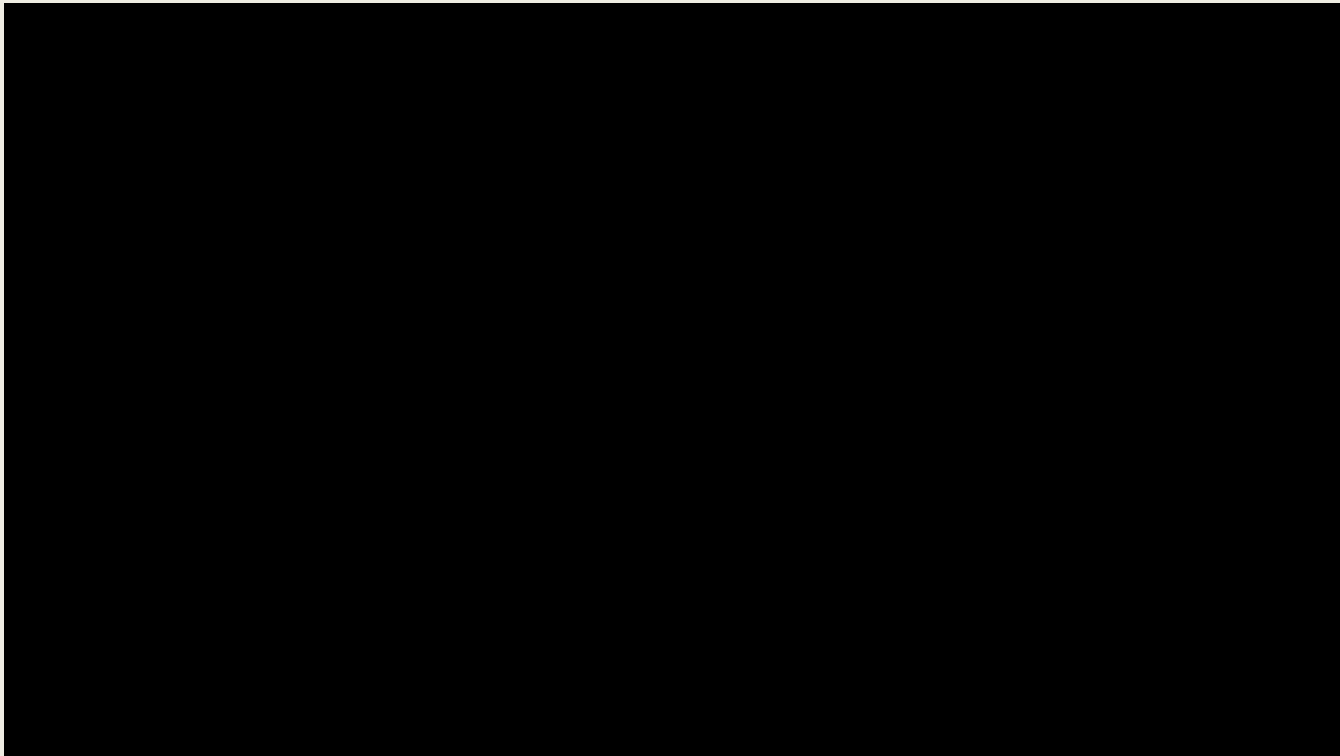
# Something Interesting

- Pope Francis states that every single person on earth is connected by the very fact that we all inhabit the earth, which is our “common home.”
- Franciscan theology permeates the encyclical. Pope Francis describes creation as creation *ex amore* (out of love)

# Something Delicious

- *Laudato Si'* presents creation as flowing forth from the heart of God in which every creature expresses God in some way.
- Francis of Assisi's beautiful ***Canticle of Creatures*** frames this encyclical with a passion for wholeness and unity in the overflowing love of God.

# *All Creatures of our God and King*



# The Gospel of Creation

- In creating a world in need of development, God uses this...

*“to draw us into the act of cooperation with the Creator” (LS80)*

# Short Reflection on the Beauty of Nature

- Alongside revelation contained in Scripture, *"there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night"* (LS85)
- *Can you think of time when you experienced the beauty of nature?*  
(Short time of reflection then share in threes)

# The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

- Pope Francis locates the roots of the current ecological crisis within humanity.
- He cites especially those with
  - *knowledge,*
  - *economic resources to use them,*
  - *unlimited growth*
  - *impressive dominance and*
  - *those enthralled with a technocratic paradigm*

# The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

- *"To seek only a technical remedy to each environmental problem which comes up is to separate what is in reality interconnected and to mask the true and deepest problems of the global system" (LS111)*
- *"the present ecological crisis is one small sign of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity" (LS119)*



## *Small groups:*

*“Francis locates the roots of the current ecological crisis within humanity”.*

- *How does this “fit” with your understanding of the current situation?*
- *How do you feel about it?*
- *What can you do about it?*

# Climate as a Common Good

- Francis cites studies supporting the theory of global warming and states that human activity is the primary driving force behind the phenomenon, as well as the main cause of species extinction.
- Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods.

# An immense pile of filth

■ Francis said that the earth...

*“is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth “Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years.”*

# Good Samaritan Outreach Centre

The Good Samaritan Outreach Centre Bacolod provides hospitality for dozens of families mostly living as squatters along the tidal zone of the Boulevard.



# *Good Sam Clean-up Boulevard*



**Hundreds of local people regularly clean up the extreme pollution along the water's edge. Now the local people collect the rubbish and the council sends a truck daily to dispose of it.**

# IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- *Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades.*  
*LS25*
- Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. (LS20). They are rooted in how we may corrupt those systems within a wider “culture of consumerism, which prioritizes short-term gain and private interest.” (LS184)

# Group Discussion

*Climate change, its impacts and what we can do about managing its effects.*

# CONSUMERISM

- The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears.

*Quiet reflective time on my attitude to...*

*“a consumerist lifestyle”*

*What are some changes that I could make immediately? long term?*



# Ecological conversion

Francis offers Christians a few suggestions for an ecological spirituality:

- Gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift.
- a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion.
- an ecological conversion can inspire us to greater creativity and enthusiasm in resolving the world's problems
- finding satisfaction in service, in music and art, in contact with nature, in prayer. Happiness being open to the many different possibilities which life can offer. (LS222)

# Group action

- *Have you a parish Eco group?*

*Share some of the activities undertaken.*

- *If you do not have a group*

*What aspects would you include in designing one?*

# *A Prayer for our Earth*

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

**Praise be to you!**

Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,  
you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.  
Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.

**Praise be to you!**

Holy Spirit, by your light  
you guide this world towards the Father's love  
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts  
and you inspire us to do what is good.

**Praise be to you!**

# Pope Francis & Saint Francis

## In Prayer

