

Reflections from Laudato Si

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The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth

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These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish

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The problems require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change in humanity: Otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms

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Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation

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Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary.

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The God who created the universe out of nothing can also intervene in this world and overcome every form of evil. Injustice is not invincible.

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The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knot of human affairs, including the most complex and inscrutable.

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'Thou shalt not kill' means where "20% of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive.

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...yet by itself the market cannot guarantee integral human development and social inclusion. We are still too slow in developing economic and social initiatives which can give the poor regular access to basic resources.

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Realities are more important than ideas

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We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.

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In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the Common Good immediately becomes logically and inevitably a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters.

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Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan

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Many things have to change of course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging and of a future to be shared with everyone

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There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle.

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We need an ecological conversion

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Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds

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The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion

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Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption.