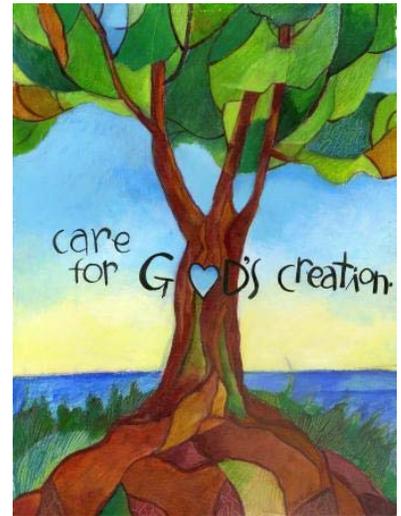


Catholic Social Teaching: Care for God's Creation

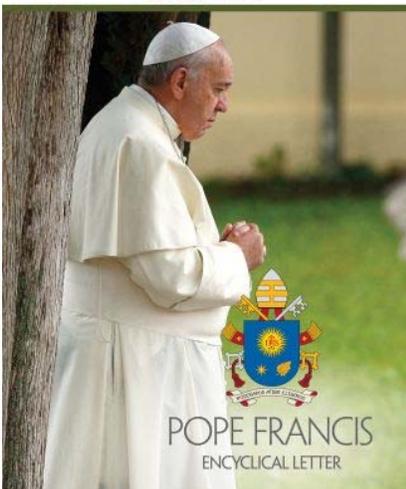
We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* calls on every person to care for the earth and recognize how the environment impacts the most vulnerable. Respect for life means respecting all of God's creation. "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 ... Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." (*Laudato Si'*, nos. 49, 91)

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Download your copy of *Laudato Si'* at Laudatosi.com/watch. Learn more about Catholic care for creation at:

- ◆ USCCB.org/environment
- ◆ CatholicClimateCovenant.org
- ◆ Wearesaltandlight.org
- ◆ Crs.org/climate-change

The St. Matthew Green Team

The Peace & Social Justice Ministry is proud to introduce the St. Matthew Green Team, which seeks to create initiatives to support eco-justice and sustainability in our parish, within our homes and in the community. The Green Team will help parishioners re-engage with the environment, take up challenges to avoid the throw-away culture and adopt ways to live more sustainably to preserve resources for everyone on the planet and for future generations. The Green Team commits to promoting ecological conversion within our church and better ways to model our part in caring for creation.

The Green Team Goals:

- To improve recycling at the church, school and home.
- To replace single serve plastic and Styrofoam supplies with earth-friendly products at all St. Matthew events.
- To examine our lifestyles and adopt ecological and ethically-responsible behaviors to help care for creation and restore and repair the earth.

All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. For more information contact Kara Griffin at karagogreen@gmail.com. Visit our webpage at stmatthewcatholic.org/PSJ for 50 Ways to Care for Creation.

