



# LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022

**KEY POINTS ON LAUDATO SI':  
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON  
HOME**





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MAY 22ND-29TH 2022  
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# What is Laudato Si?

According to CAFOD.org.uk:

"The encyclical *Laudato Si'* is considered part of the Catholic Social Teaching tradition. Although there are many previous statements by popes and bishops on the question of our place in creation, this is the first social encyclical in the Catholic Church to address the complex social and ecological crisis in a direct and specific way.

*Laudato Si'* complements what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, which is that our responsibility is to care for our world and not 'steal' resources from future generations."







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**LAUDATO SI, MI  
SIGNORE - PRAISE BE  
TO YOU MY LORD**





# Introduction

**“Laudato si’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”**



# Chapter 1 - What's Happening in Our Common Home

Within Chapter 1 of the landmark encyclical, Pope Francis identifies modern ecological issues that we must urgently address:

- **Pollution and Climate Change**
- **The Issue of Water**
- **The Loss of Biodiversity**
- **Decline in the Quality of Human Life and the Breakdown of Society**
- **Global Inequality**



# Chapter 1 - Key Quotes

**"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. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7)."**

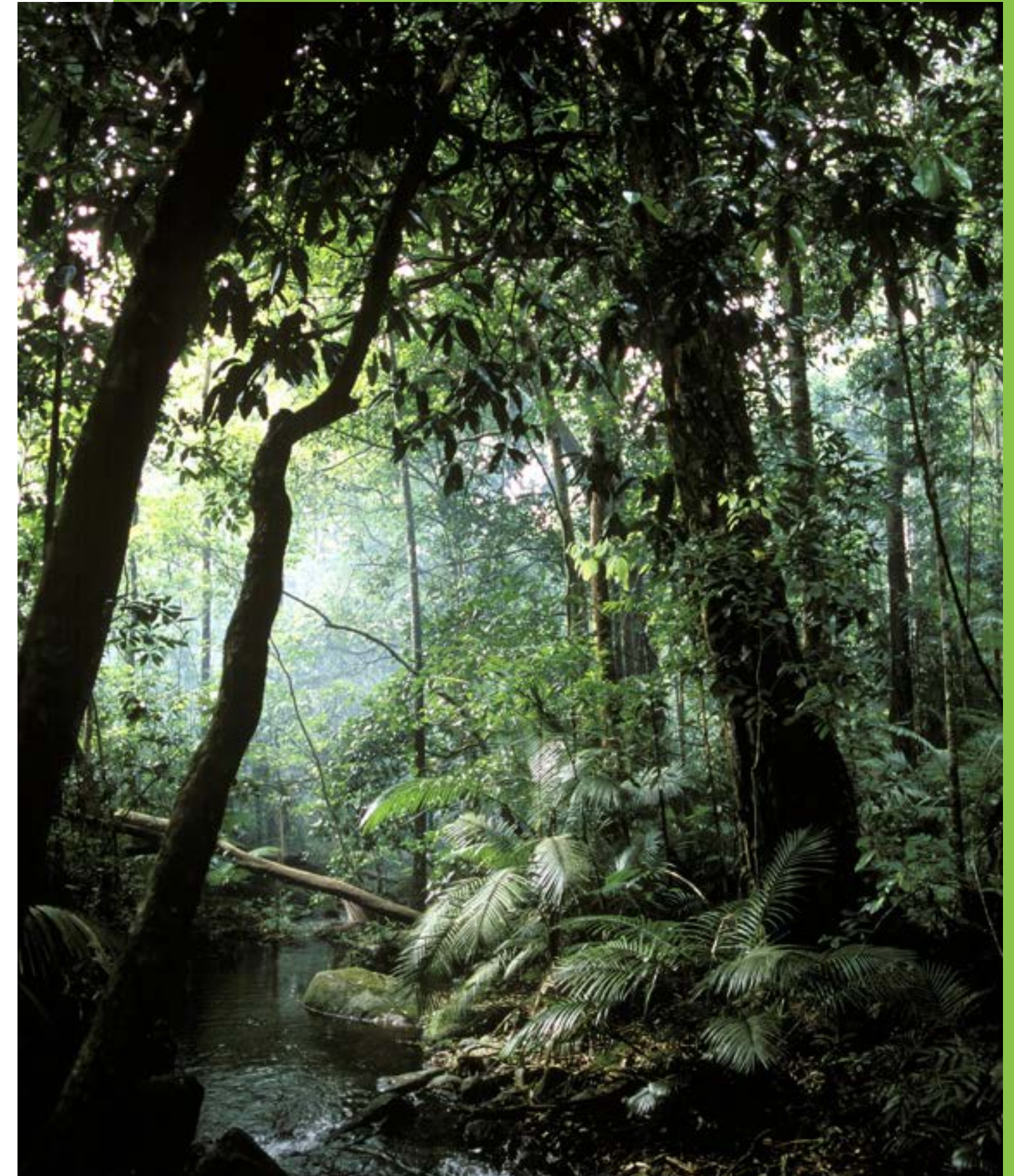
**"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all" and recognizes that "a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity".**





# Chapter 1 - Key Quotes

**"The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement. Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in "lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies". Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us**





# NO DISPOSABLE CHALLENGE

A Social Action Challenge for Laudato Si' Week 2022

Calling all young persons! Let's change the way we live to make a positive impact on God's creation.

During Laudato Si' Week, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Youth Ministry challenges you to use no single-use plastic items. For every substitution you make share your progress by posting and tagging us on social media @RCYCTT!

Use the hashtags **#nodisposables**, **#catholicctt** and **#laudatosiweek2022** so we can see!

## Join the Challenge!

For Laudato Si Week, May 22nd-29th, the Office of the Youth Commission challenges you and your household to limit the use of single plastics!

Tag us and show us your progress and creative ways of recycling and minimising the use of plastics.

Use hashtags **#nodisposables**, **#catholicctt** and **#laudatosiweek2022**



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# Chapter 2 - The Gospel of Creation

**Pope Francis states that environmental harm "is caused by sin understood as broken relationships "with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself" (§66). These relationships are broken in part because humans "presum[e] to take the place of God and refus[e] to acknowledge our creaturely limitations" – a dynamic that causes us to mistake God's command for humans to "have dominion" over creation (Genesis 1:28) as an exploitative license rather than a vocation to "cultivate and care for" God's good gift of creation (Genesis 2:15)".**



## Chapter 2 - Key Quotes

**Humans are uniquely created and called to exercise responsible stewardship over creation on behalf of the loving Creator (67-68).**

**All creation is a mystery the diversity and unity of which both reflect and mediate the Creator (76-92).**

**“[T]he destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ” (99).**





A lush green forest with a waterfall cascading down rocks into a pool of water. The waterfall is the central focus, with water flowing over dark, mossy rocks. The surrounding forest is dense with various shades of green foliage. The water at the bottom of the waterfall is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery.

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**“TO COMMIT A  
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OURSELVES AND A  
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# Chapter 3 - The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

In this chapter Pope Francis acknowledges the human roots of this ecological crisis:

- Criticizes “anthropocentrism,” the belief that humans are radically separate from and above the non-human natural world (115-118).
- The Holy Father notes that anthropocentrism devalues creation and leads to “practical relativism”, which values creation only to the extent that it is useful to humans (118, 122).

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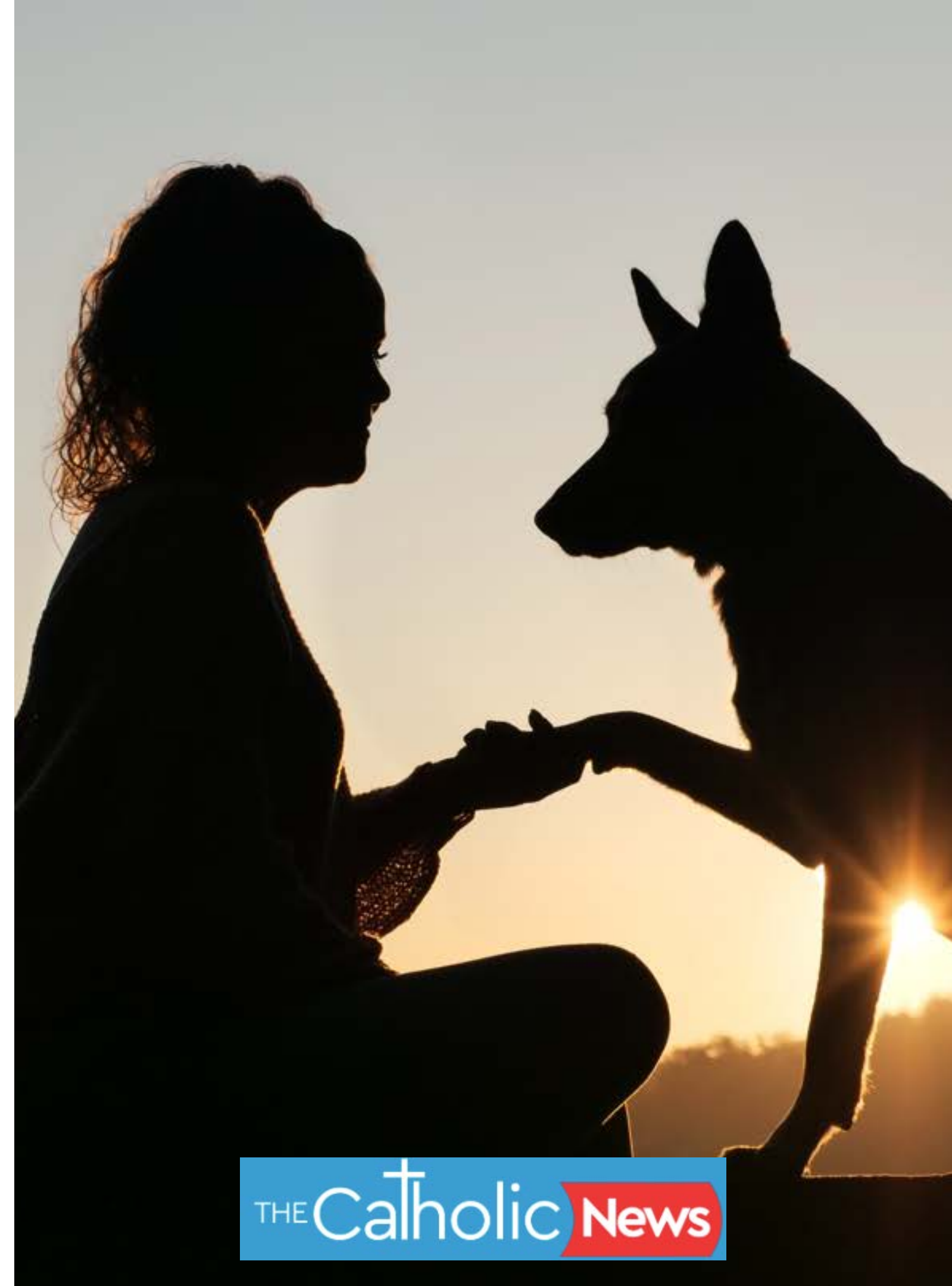


# Chapter 3 - The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

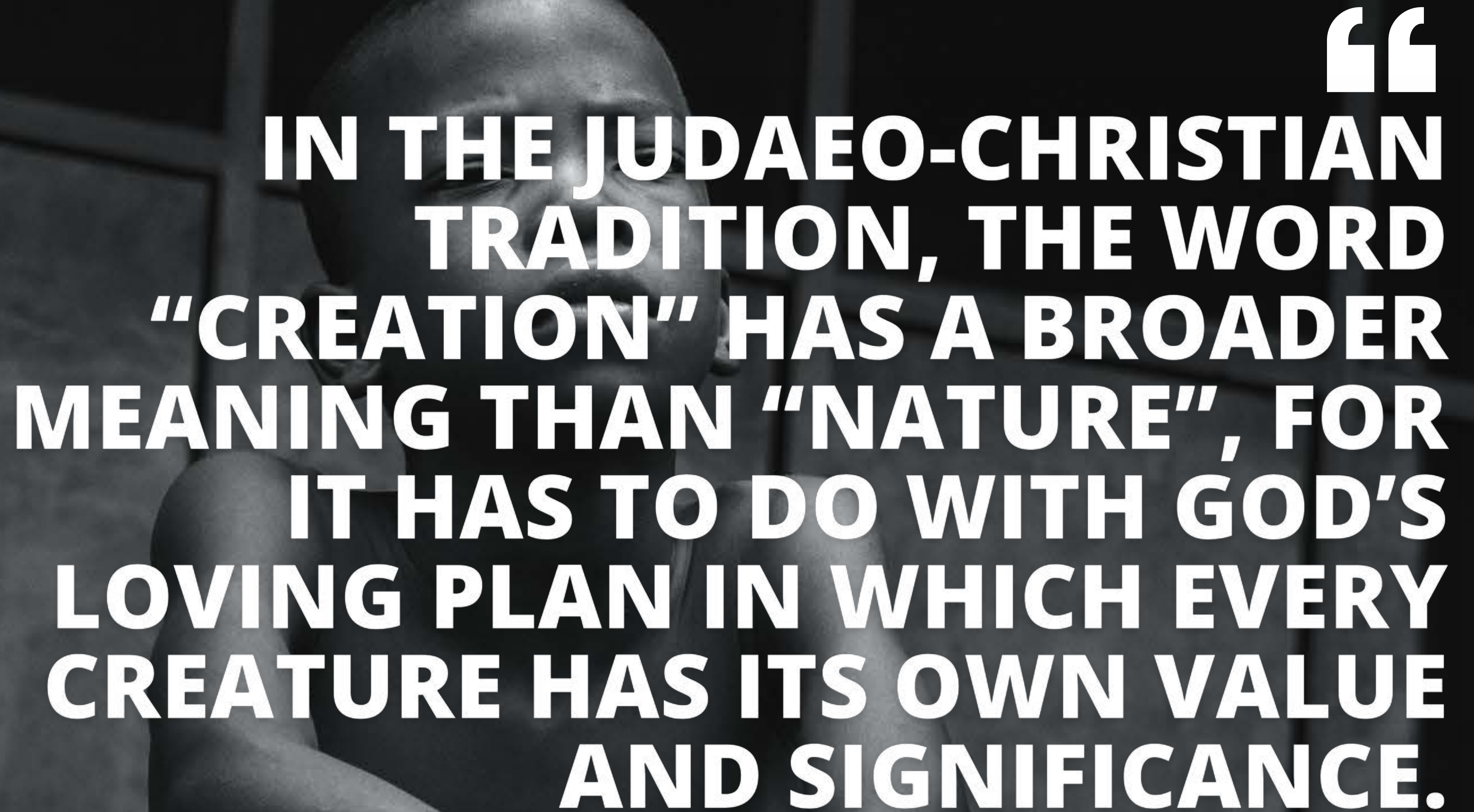
Pope Francis goes on to note that:

- “By itself the market cannot guarantee integral human development and social inclusion” and must be regulated when it fails to protect and promote the common good (Ibid.).”
- Pope Francis emphasizes the interconnectedness of all creation and, as such, connects care for creation to the protection of human life and dignity -- especially regarding abortion, the poor, those with disabilities and testing on “living human embryos” (117, 120, 137).

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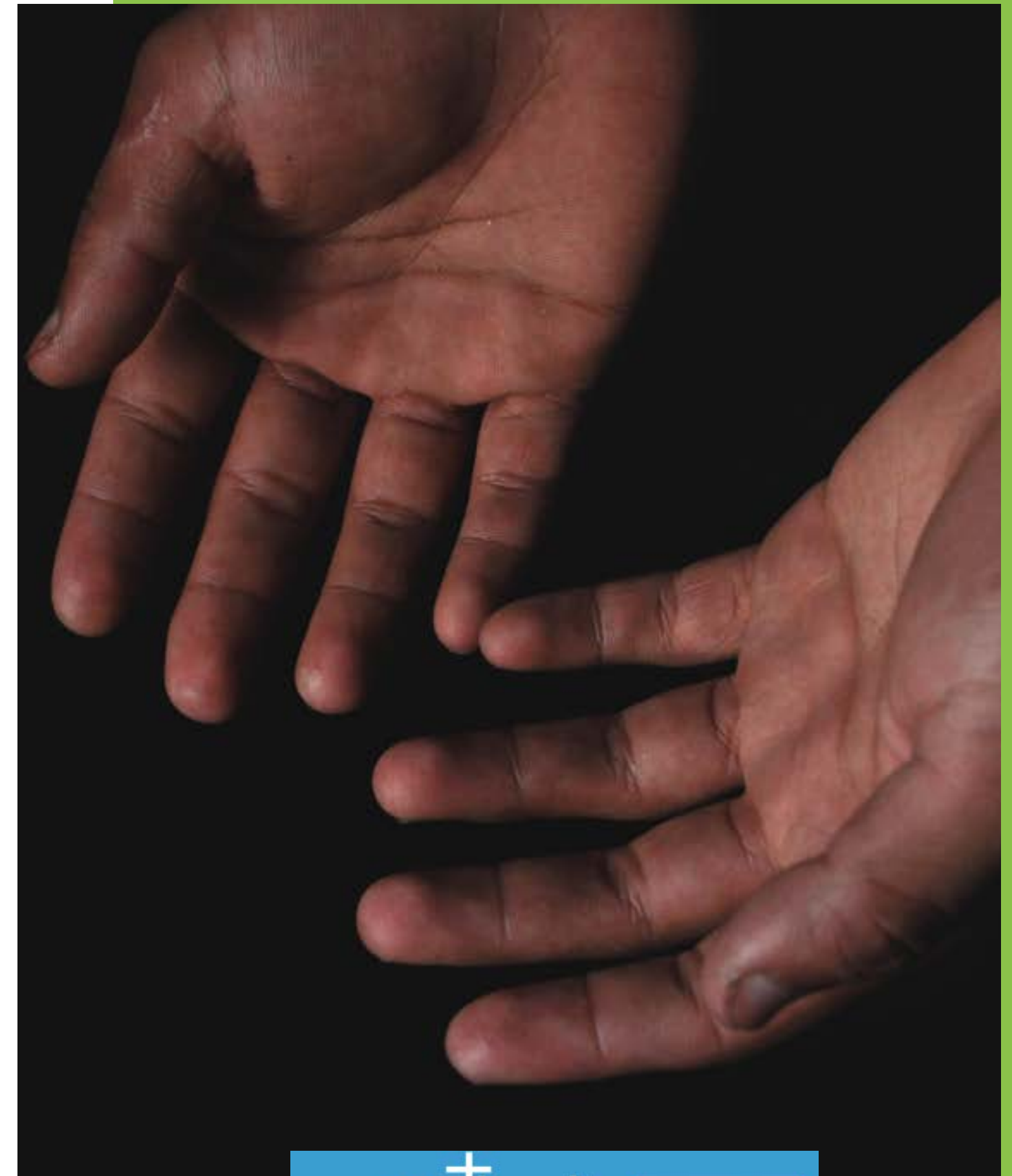


## Chapter 4 - Internal Ecology

**"It cannot be emphasized enough how everything [in creation] is interconnected" (138). He notes that this is true of all creation of which humanity is a part, in addition to the various aspects of human life: academics, economics, health, governance, culture and every part of "daily life" (139-155).**

**Pope Francis re-emphasizes that care for creation is intimately connected to the promotion of a preferential option for the poor since those with the least are most harmed by ecological degradation (158).**

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JOINT FFA-CCSJ/AMMR WEBINAR

**Food Security &  
Environmental Impacts**

# **Join Us As We Discuss Food Security in T&T**

**May 26th 2022, 1-3PM**  
**Register Now, link in caption**

In collaboration with The Faculty of Food and Agriculture (FFA) at The University of the West Indies St. Augustine Campus and the Catholic Commission for Social Justice/the Archdiocese's Ministry for Migrants and Refugees (CCSJ/AMMR).



# **JOIN US**

**Register for the Catholic Commission for Social Justice's Webinar on Thursday 26th May 2022 in collaboration with the University of the West Indies, as they discuss food security in Trinidad and Tobago. Registration Link Available from Facebook Page CCSJ Trinidad and Tobago**



# Chapter 5 - Lines of Approach and Action

**"A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries."  
(164)**

**But the international community has still not reached adequate agreements about the responsibility for paying the costs of this energy transition." (165)**

**"Poor countries should aim to eliminate extreme poverty, reduce corruption, and should recognise that some of their privileged countrymen scandalously overconsume."**





time  
for

**ACTION**



# Chapter 6 - Ecological Education and Spirituality

**Pope Francis calls on each of us to take action now!**

- **Personal conversion is needed, he "invites persons toward lifestyles animated by sound ecological virtues, i.e., 'good habits,' that must be developed in persons by both secular and faith communities (202-215)"**
- **He recommends, "'consumer movements" like boycotts "prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production"(206)**

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# Chapter 6 - Ecological Education and Spirituality

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- **“Ecological Education” – is fundamental and must take place everywhere in society - “at school, in families, in the media, in catechesis ... political institutions and various other social groups ... [and all] Christian communities” (213- 214).**
- **The Sacraments and the Sabbath are essential to right relationship with creation ( 233-237).**

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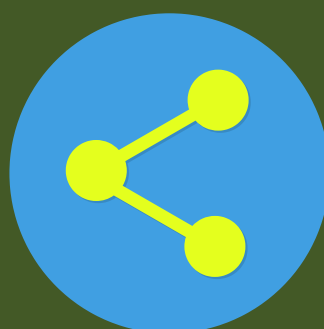
# Your Voice Matters

You too can make a difference and a change to our "common home", the Earth and God's Creation.

Pope Francis reminds us that ecological education is a big part of making changes in our world today.

Share this ebook and spread the word about Laudato Si, with your community today!

**"We are Interconnected!"**





# BONUS MATERIAL



A decorative border surrounds the central text, featuring stylized hands in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green) reaching out, interspersed with green leaves and clusters of small blue and yellow berries. The background is a solid blue color.

# COMMON PRAYER

for the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

# Laudato Si'

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us  
stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs  
not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future  
generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and resources  
that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being  
left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into  
hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true  
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the  
consequences of this global pandemic,  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are  
needed in search of the common good,  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all  
interconnected and interdependent,  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and  
the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a  
more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we  
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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# 2022 EVENTS

## Archdiocese Commissions

Make sure to tune into Catholic News online  
[www.catholicstt.org/catholicnewstt/](http://www.catholicstt.org/catholicnewstt/)  
for **EVEN MORE** activities from our Commissions during Laudato Si Week and beyond!



THE Catholic News

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26th May  
1-3 PM

### Webinar

"Food Security and Environmental Impacts"

Hosted by the Catholic Commission for Social Justice in partnership with University of the West Indies (UWI)



22nd-29th  
Bring & Barter!

The Family Life Commission is bringing the community together with gardens and plants on and offline for Laudato Si week! See our Facebook page Archdiocesan Family Life Commission for further details.



22nd-29th

### CHALLENGE

A Week Without Disposables!

Let's combat the "throwaway culture" spoken of in Laudato Si' by Pope Francis.

Post yourself using non-disposable items on social media and tag us, either in your story or as a post, with the hashtag #nodisposables



### Stay tuned

Stay tuned for the Season of Creation in September 2022 in which Catholic Education Board of Management (CEBM) and our school children will be creating projects and creative solutions to preserve the Earth.



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## LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

formerly Global Catholic Climate Movement  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

### May

**21st**

1st Anniversary  
of the LSM TT  
Chapter

**22nd-29th**

Laudato Si' Week.  
Theme 2022  
"Listening and  
Journeying Together"

**24th**

Laudato Si  
7th Anniversary

### June

**4th**

Global Membership  
call on the occasion  
of Pentecost

**5th**

World Environment  
Day

**8th**

World Ocean Day

### July

**TBD**

Laudato Si Animators  
Training Begins

**25th**

Franciscan Institute  
Season of Creation  
Challenge ends.

**TBD**

Laudato Si Movie

### Sep

**1st**

World Day of Prayer  
for the Care of  
Creation and  
beginning of Season  
of

Creation 2022:  
"Listen to the Voice of  
Creation".  
This year's symbol: the  
burning bush  
(Ex 3: 1-12)

[WWW.SEASONOFCREATION.ORG](http://WWW.SEASONOFCREATION.ORG)

### Oct

**4th**

Prayer Service for  
Peace

Feast of St. Francis of  
Assisi and end of  
Season of Creation  
month

Registration in Laudato  
Si Action Platform  
(LSAP) closes.

**29th**

Franciscan Institute  
St. Francis Canticle  
Creation Award  
Ceremony

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### Nov

**7th-18th**

UN Climate  
Conference  
(COP27) - Egypt

**14th**

World Day of the Poor  
(Vatican)

**TBD**

Global Membership  
Call

**27th**

Beginning of Advent

### Dec

**5th**

World Soil Day



### Upcoming 2023

**TBD**

LSM's first Annual  
Forum

**TBD**

World Youth Day  
(Portugal)

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SI’, mi’  
Signore” –  
“Praise be to  
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**BUSINESS SUPPLEMENT**

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The Catholic News is excited to announce its upcoming Business Supplement!

We're talking with the current Chairman of Scotiabank and newly appointed Chairman of the Catholic Education Board of Management, Derek Hudson, about strong leadership in the business community which is steeped in our Catholic Principles.

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