

Laudato Si' Quotes

"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all." (LS 23)

"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems." (LS 28)

"One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances." (LS 29)

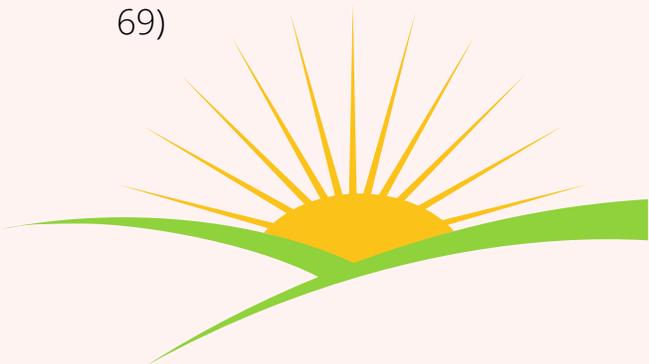
"It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential 'resources' to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves." (LS 33)

"Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture." (LS 43)

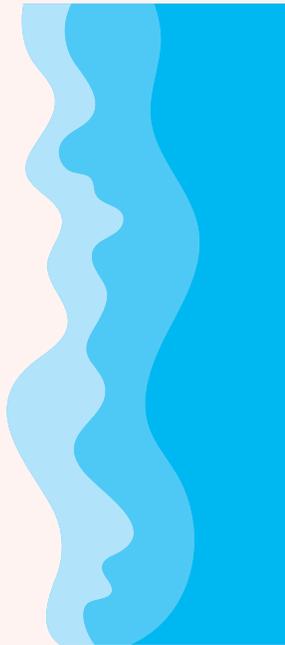
"The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet." (LS 48)

"Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness." (LS 53)

"By virtue of our unique dignity and our gift of intelligence, we are called to respect creation and its inherent laws, for 'the Lord by wisdom founded the earth' (Prov 3:19)." (LS 69)



"Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion." (LS 76)



"When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them." (LS 87)

"The rich and the poor have equal dignity, for 'the Lord is the maker of them all' (Prov 22:2)." (LS 94)



"The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone." (LS 95)

"When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected." (LS 117)

"We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity." (LS 128)

"Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us." (LS 159)

"In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." (LS 218)

"Care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together and communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters." (LS 228)

"An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness." (LS 230)

"God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward." (LS 245)

