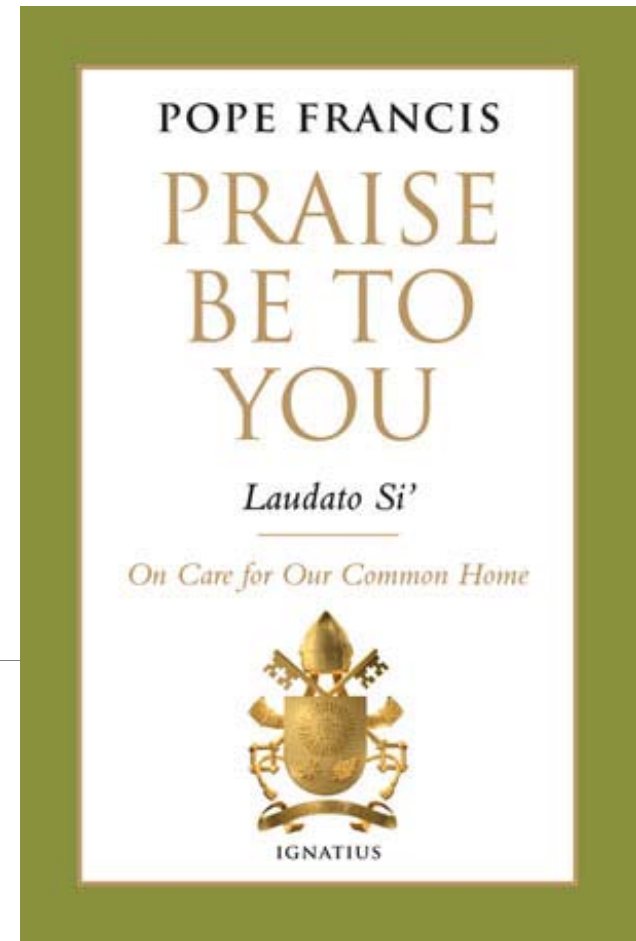


Laudato Si

THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS
& OUR PLANET



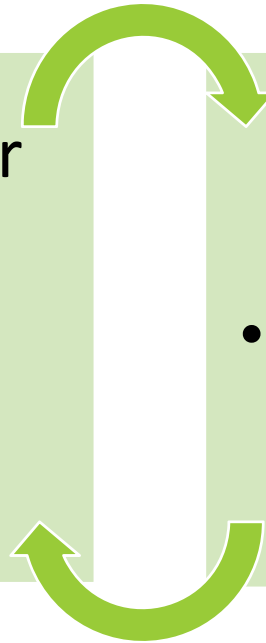
How Are the Two Greatest Commandments Related to the Environment?

Love God with all Your Heart

- Show Appreciation for the Gift of Creation

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

- Recognize the Human Suffering Caused by Environmental Damage



Is Pope Francis the 1st “Green” Pope? Nope.

BLESSED POPE PAUL VI – “Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation.” Apostolic Letter *Octogesima Adveniens* May 14, 1971

ST. JOHN PAUL II - “An education in ecological responsibility is urgent: responsibility for oneself, for others, and for the earth. This education cannot be rooted in mere sentiment or empty wishes. Its purpose cannot be ideological or political. It must not be based on a rejection of the modern world or a vague desire to return to some “paradise lost” . Instead, a true education in responsibility entails a genuine conversion in ways of thought and behavior.” World Day of Peace January 1, 1990

POPE BENEDICT XVI - “A greater sense of intergenerational solidarity is urgently needed. Future generations cannot be saddled with the cost of our use of common environmental resources... We cannot refuse to interest ourselves in those who will come after us ...This is a responsibility that present generations have towards those of the future... Natural resources should be used in such a way that immediate benefits do not have a negative impact on living creatures, human and not, present and future...” World Day of Peace on January 1, 2010

What Does Our Bishop Say about Laudato Si?



July 13, 2015, *The Catholic Voice*

“The encyclical is much more about the need for human beings to change than climate change. It is about care for the earth, but not care for the earth ‘in isolation.’ It talks about the relationship of human beings with God, the earth and other human beings...

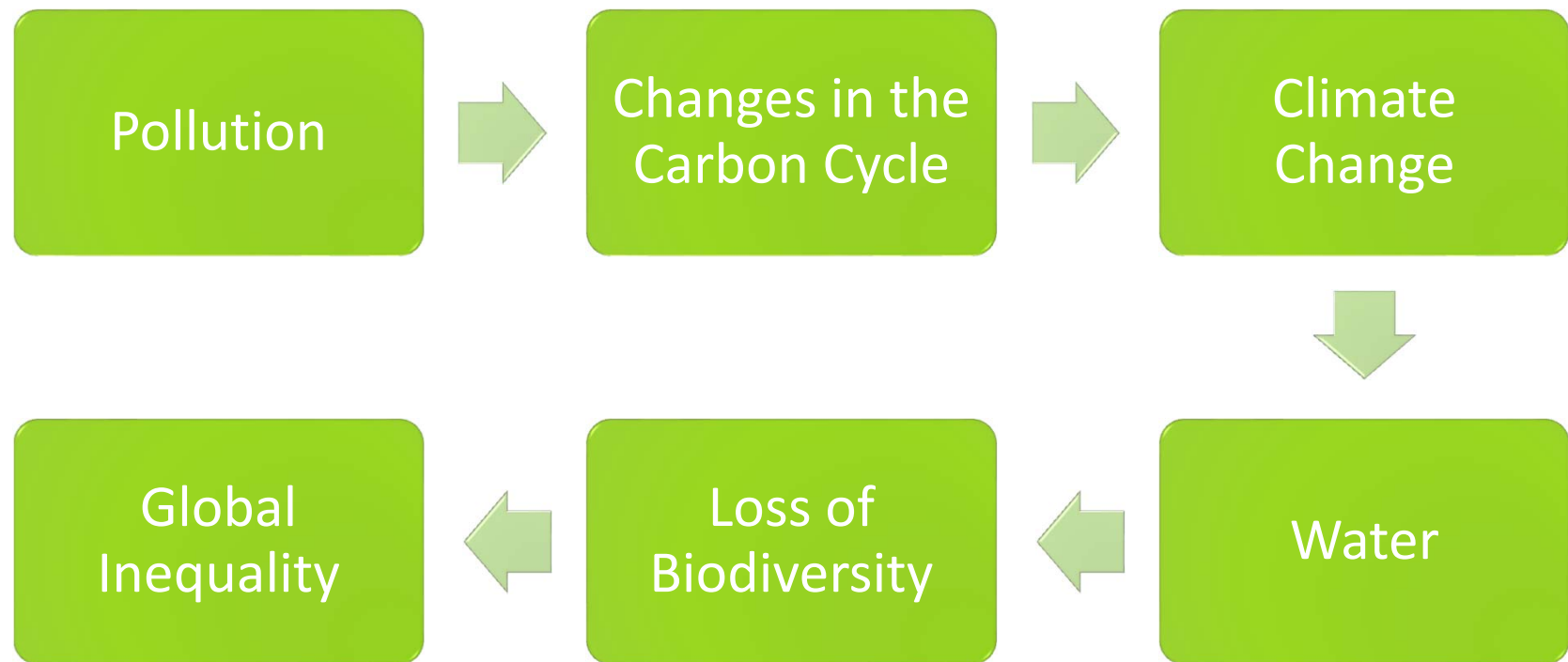
As a Captain in the Navy, I see firsthand how climate change is a national security issue...

I hope that as we become more aware of our responsibility to care for nature and the earth, we will be moved to care more for our neighbors – especially the poor...”

Two Parts of Laudato Si



What We Need to Know – Part 1: What is Happening to Creation



What We Need to Know – Part 2: The Gospel of Creation

The earth was here before us

Each part of Creation has its own purpose & we are all interdependent

The false notion of “dominion”

The role of humans in Creation

What We Need to Know – Part 3: Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

Our values and
conscience have not
kept pace with
technological advances

The lie of infinite
supply

We are learning all too
slowly the lessons of
environmental
degradation

By itself, the market
cannot guarantee
integral human
development and
social inclusion

Ecological culture
cannot be reduced to a
series of urgent and
partial responses

Responsible
stewardship

Our relationship with
the environment can
never be isolated from
our relationship with
others and with God

What We Need to Know – Part 4: Integral Ecology

We are part of
nature

We depend on
the ecosystems
for our existence

The
interconnected
network of
species

Ethical and
cultural decline
has accompanied
the deterioration
of the
environment

Society, economy,
and behavior
patterns must be
addressed to truly
protect creation


Justice between
generations

Special care for
indigenous
peoples

What We Need to Do – Part 1: Lines of Approach & Action For Society

Global consensus on:


- A sustainable and diversified agriculture
- Developing renewable and less polluting forms of energy
- Encouraging a more efficient use of energy
- Promoting better management of marine and forest resources
- Ensuring universal access to drinking water



Politics and economics must enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life

Environmental impact assessment of business ventures

What We Need to Do – Part 1: Lines of Approach & Action For Individuals



Ask God for a positive outcome to International negotiations
Society must put pressure on governments
Reject a magical conception of the market
Be prepared to encourage more sober lifestyles [Pope Benedict XVI]
We must all look to the common good

What We Need to Do – Part 2: Ecological Education & Spirituality (Slide 1)

Education aimed at creating 'ecological citizenship' is at times limited to providing information, and fails to instill good habits

Ecological education can take place in a variety of settings: at school, in families, in the media, in catechesis and elsewhere

All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education

Examine our lifestyle. There is a great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers

'Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act.' [Pope Benedict XVI]

Ask God for a **profound interior conversion**. Our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue

Take time to recover a serene harmony with creation and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us

We must be concerned with catastrophic consequences of social unrest

What We Need to Do – Part 2: Ecological Education & Spirituality (Slide 2)

There is nobility
in the duty to
care for
creation
through little
daily actions:

- Avoiding the use of plastic and paper
- Reducing water consumption
- Separating refuse
- Cooking only what can reasonably be consumed
- Showing care for other living beings
- Using public transport or car-pooling
- Planting trees
- Turning off unnecessary lights

Call to Action

Laudato Si in our Personal Lives

Laudato Si in our Parish Life