

QUOTES FROM THE ENCYCLICAL *LAUDATO SI'* Care for our common home

"Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as 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, or any number of other practices". LS 211

8 – To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God.

23 - "Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it."

25 - Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades."

33 - 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. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.

35 – In assessing the environmental impact of any project...few careful studies are made of its impact on biodiversity as if the loss of species or animals and plant groups were of little importance.

43 – We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature

59 – As often occurs in periods of deep crisis which require bold decisions, we are tempted to think that what is happening is not entirely clear. Such evasiveness serves as a licence to carrying on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption.

87 – 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.

92 - Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes.

92 – Every act of cruelty towards any creature is 'contrary to human dignity'

92- Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

139 – We are part of nature, included in it...

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? (Paragraph 160)

161 – We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth....our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes...

The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.

169 – We believers cannot fail to ask God for a positive outcome to the present discussions, so that future generations will not have to suffer the effects of our ill-advised delays.

173 – Enforceable international agreements are urgently needed...

179 - ...public pressure has to be exerted in order to bring about decisive political action.

206 – Purchasing is always a moral - and not simply economic - act.

208 – Disinterested concern for others...attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us.

212 - "We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world."

217 – Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

221 – We read in the Gospel that Jesus says of the birds of the air that 'not one of them is forgotten before God'. How then can we possibly mistreat them or cause them harm?

223 – (To live simply) is not a lesser life or one lived with less intensity. On the contrary, it is a way of living life to the full.

241 – Just as (Mary's) pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. (Use for visit of St Bernadette's relics?)

243 – Eternal life will be a shared experience of awe, in which each creature, resplendently transfigured, will take its rightful place'

244 – In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God

1) LS 179 - "public pressure has to be exerted in order to bring about decisive political action". (Showing that we have to be active to force politicians to act.)

2) Pope Francis, Speech, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, July 9, 2015 "Our common home is being pillaged, laid waste and harmed with impunity. Cowardice in defending it is a grave sin." (Saying that we must act to defend the planet).