



iVoteCatholic

Care for God's Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth 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 direct us to an integral ecology that demands care for the earth and care for the most vulnerable among us.

Church Teaching Quotes

"The commitment of believers to a healthy environment for everyone stems directly from their belief in God the Creator, from their recognition of the effects of original sin, and from the certainty of having been redeemed by Christ. Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God." -Pope St. John Paul II, January 1990, *Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All Creation*, 16.

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love of our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society...we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage woven together by the love God has for each one of his creatures." -Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* (Laudato Si), 92, 93.

Scriptural Foundations

Genesis 1:31
Genesis 2:15
Hosea 4:1-3
Romans 8:18-25

Goodness of Creation
Care for the earth
Humans wound the earth
All creation awaits redemption