



Reflections from your Faith to Justice Committee

We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.

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For I the Lord love justice...in my faithfulness I will reward and make a covenant.

Is. 61:8

...“the relationship between a good aesthetic education and the maintenance of a healthy environment cannot be overlooked.” (Message for the 1990 World Day Of Peace)...If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behavior. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature. Otherwise, the paradigm of consumerism will continue to advance, with the help of the media and the highly effective workings of the market.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #215

...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 for change. The Australian bishops spoke of the importance of such conversion for achieving reconciliation with creation: “To achieve such reconciliation, we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God’s creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience conversion, or change of heart.” (2002)

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #218