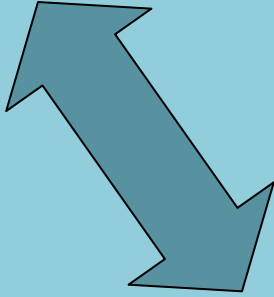


Want



Need

We live in an era of consumerism and it's all about desire-based consumerism and it has nothing to do with things we actually need.

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Reflections from your Faith TO Justice Committee

How blessed are those who keep justice, who practice righteousness at all times.

Ps. 106:3

John Paul II noted that “the ecological question which accompanies the problem of consumerism” is “closely connected” to it, since “man consumes the resources of the earth and his own life in an excessive and disordered way”.

D. Cloutier, *Walking God's Earth*, p. 79

Only by cultivating sound virtues will people be able to make a selfless ecological commitment...There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions... such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can be reasonably consumed, showing care for other human beings, using public transport or carpooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights...

Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity.

Pope Francis, *LAUDATO SI'*, #211