



Reflections from your Faith TO Justice Committee

Let us walk softly on the Earth
with all living beings great and
small remembering as we go, that
one God kind and wise created all.

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Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and occupy the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Deut. 16:20

...to reveal “the inner nature and the value of the whole of creation and its orientation to the praise of God.” That is, Catholics living in the world must not just admire the beauty of creation but must make it all holy, dedicate it all to the praise of God and the love of life. The point of Christian environmental care is not to worship nature or merely respect it but, rather, to consecrate it.

D. Cloutier, *Walking God's Earth*, p. 121

...the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule...Others are passive...So what they all need is an “ecological conversion,” whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. 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.

Pope Francis, *LAUDATO SI'*, #217