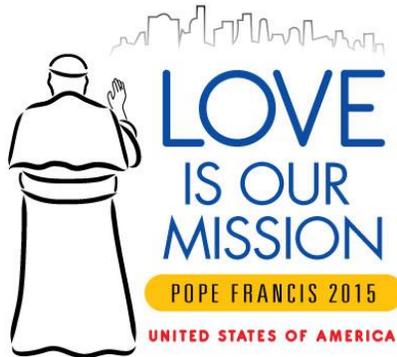


Learn, Connect, Act!

Some helpful take-home resources to keep today's conversation going



Notable Quotes from Laudato Si'

If we approach nature and the environment without...openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. (#11)

We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (#49)

Society, through non-governmental organizations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Unless citizens control political power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment. (#179)

There are certain environmental issues where it is not easy to achieve a broad consensus. Here I would state once more that the Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics. But I am concerned to encourage an honest and open debate so that particular interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good. (#188)

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. (#202)

All is not lost. Human beings... are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start... and [embarking] on new paths to authentic freedom. (#205)

Along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us. (#231)

Related Upcoming Events

- **ISAIAH Leadership Assembly:** Saturday, October 3, 2015, 9:00am-2:00pm at New Hope Baptist Church in St. Paul. Join in conversation and plans for action around paid family leave, equitable transportation, resources for schools, and nutrition for children.
- **Social Justice Meet Up:** Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:30pm-8:00pm at Immaculate Conception parish in Columbia Heights. Join the community conversation around “Pope Francis’ U.S. Visit and Local Implications” with people who participated in the pilgrimage both on the East Coast and in Minnesota.

RESOURCES

Continue to journey with Pope Francis and learn more about this event’s sponsoring organizations

usccb.org

The website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides a wealth of resources related to the Papal Visit. See the schedule for Pope Francis’s visit, prayer and catechetical resources, and more.

cctwincities.org

The St. Paul and Minneapolis Catholic Charities Office for Social Justice (OSJ) works with churches and schools to advance the Catholic social mission. OSJ is known far and wide for its on-line resources related to Catholic Social Teaching. Check out their materials on Pope Francis and social justice.

piconetwork.org

PICO is a national network of faith-based community organizations working to address problems facing urban, suburban, and rural communities. PICO has developed a six week faith sharing series called a Year of Encounter with Pope Francis. Check it out, and ask if your parish has plans to utilize this series.

isaiahmn.org

ISAIAH is a local PICO affiliate and a faith-based coalition of more than 100 member congregations that strengthens the ability of people of faith to address both local and regional community issues, including sprawl, affordable housing, transportation, and racial inequity.

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