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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee:

Integral Ecology: Both ethics and environmental ethics focus on the well-being of the natural world, the human person and society.

“This is the traditional ethical focus of Roman Catholic social teaching, grounded in the scriptures and traditions of the Christian community dating as far back as the second century. It also has roots in Aristotle’s ethic of eudaemonia, or human flourishing.”

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“It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.”

Laudato Si’ Par 139

In an article published in 2003, Sister Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP, states “Scarce resources given for the good of the human community are in the control of the few, most often the rich and powerful. This reality often leaves those who are poor and marginalized to eke out a meager existence or to rely on the largess of others to receive what in all truth is theirs by birthright. At the same time in this awareness of the stark facts of overuse, misuse and the sin of dominance, we are equally aware of the gospel call to give, to share, to protect and uplift those who are poor and at the margins. We are called to care for all with justice and compassion, including our earth-home.”

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All said and done, what we are hearing, what we are learning is not new except maybe to us. Key is to read, listen, pray and then act as we are called as people of faith, as people of Providence.