

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

We hear from Pope Francis: "Today, the analysis of environmental problems cannot be separated from the analysis of human, family, work-related and urban contexts, nor from how individuals relate to themselves, which leads in turn to how they relate to others and to the environment. There is an interrelation between ecosystems and between the various spheres of social interaction, demonstrating yet again that the whole is greater than the part.

"If everything is related, then the health of society's institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life. Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment." (*Par. 141-142 Laudato Si*)

"Any consideration of human justice must always consider the environmental conditions in which all humans exist, and of which humans are a part ... Francis seeks to present a model of integral ecology — an ecology which does not choose between environmental preservation and human flourishing, but recognizes that the two are mutually dependent: dimensions of a single ecological reality. Integral ecology proclaims a common identity, endangered by the same source: a consumerist vision." (*A Reading of Laudato Si: Understanding Pope Francis on our Common Home*, John D. Whitney, S.J.)

How is human creativity used for the good of the "community of life on Earth"? (*Denis Edwards*).

How is *your* creativity used? Is it for the community of life: the common good?