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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee:

In an article dated August 27, 2015, Thomas Reese argues that Pope Francis's vision of integral ecology and the common good includes justice between generations.

Returning to his biblical vision, Francis says, "The world is a gift we have freely received and must share with others."

This includes future generations. "The world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."

Or as the Portuguese bishops, whom he quotes, said, the environment "is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next."

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"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal. When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results."

Laudato Si' (Par. 160)

Meaning, values, spirituality, common good, justice ... as Thomas Reese wrote: Everything is Connected.

As Michele Sakurai stated in Monday's mission message: "Still not sure how to start on this road of transformation? Look to the wisdom of Pope Francis, 'You pray ... then you [act].' This is how prayer works."