

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #17 states: “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”.

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis writes, “ ... environmental protection cannot be assured solely on the basis of financial calculations of costs and benefits. The environment is one of those goods that cannot be adequately safeguarded or promoted by market forces.” (Par. 190)

He goes on to write in paragraph 226: “We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness ... which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full. Jesus taught us this attitude when he invited us to contemplate the lilies of the field and the birds of the air ... and in this way, he showed us the way to overcome that unhealthy anxiety which makes us superficial, aggressive and compulsive consumers.

Elsewhere (229), he writes: “We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. We have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty... When the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests, new forms of violence and brutality, and obstacles to the growth of a genuine culture of care for the environment.”