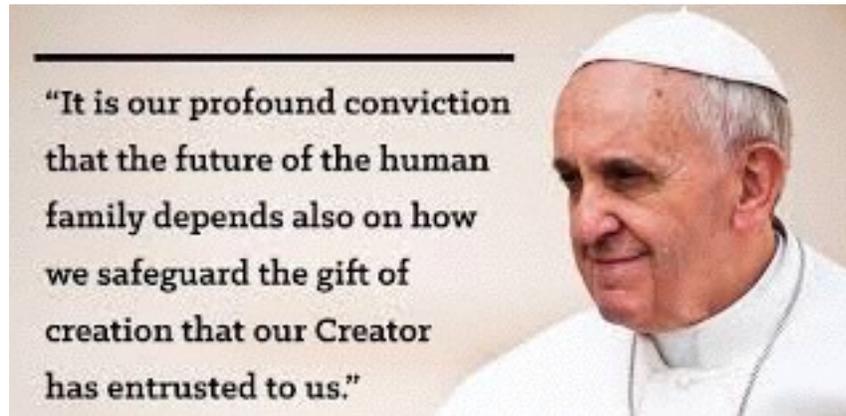


Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, June 29

Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

It may be an overstatement but it seems that a vast number of people on this globe are reading and referencing Pope Francis and his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. What many do not realize is that caring for our common home and all that it would mean has been a topic in



various talks by Pope Francis since he became pope. Just a sample:

April 22, 2013, during a meeting with the President of Ecuador: *"Take good care of creation. St. Francis wanted that. People occasionally forgive, but nature never does. If we don't take care of the environment, there's no way of getting around it."*

May 1, 2013, for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker: Reflecting of work and the dignity and importance of labor Francis wrote, *"Work is part of God's plan for the world; by responsibly cultivating the goods of creation, we grow in dignity as men and women made in God's image."*

He continues noting that, St. Joseph, as a model of quiet prayer and closeness to Jesus, also invites us to think about the time we devote to prayer each day ... May St Joseph and the Virgin Mary help us to be faithful in our daily work and to lift up our minds and hearts to Jesus in prayer.

Dec 11, 2014, in a message to the UN Convention on Climate Change: *"The effective struggle against global warming will only be possible with a responsible collective answer that goes beyond particular interests and behavior and is developed free of political and economic pressure ... On climate change, there is a clear, definitive and ineluctable ethical imperative to act ... The establishment of an international climate change treaty is a grave ethical and moral responsibility."*

Jan 18, 2015, during a meeting with young people: *"A second key area where you are called to make a contribution is in showing concern for the environment. This is not only because this country, more than many others, is likely to be seriously affected by climate change. You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ."*

Quotes taken from: www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pope_francis