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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee

Earth Day is rapidly approaching. Keeping in mind the components of integral ecology, what do you and/or your faith group have in mind for a celebration?

From [Kosmos Journal](#) we read: “A truly revolutionary energy is on the rise, and it resides in community. As Earth Day approaches, we remember that holding the Earth in our hearts and defending her is a sacred duty and a community practice ...

”To truly heal this planet, we need the power of community, which is much more than simply a political coalition. Whenever people come together around a shared goal and practice solidarity, they connect with a power greater than the sum of their individual efforts. Thus, they’re unified and driven by meaning, trust and possibility, able to overcome any obstacle.”

From *Laudato Si* (par144), “As life and the world are dynamic realities, so our care for the world must also be flexible and dynamic. Merely technical solutions run the risk of addressing symptoms and not the more serious underlying problems. There is a need to respect the rights of peoples and cultures, and to appreciate that the development of a social group presupposes an historical process which takes place within a cultural (and communal) context and demands the constant and active involvement of local people from within their proper culture (and community) Nor can the notion of quality of life be imposed from without, for quality of life must be understood within the world of symbols and customs proper to each human group.”