

**Wednesday, December 5**



### **Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee**

With the recent release of the Fourth National Climate Assessment, it may be of interest to know that there is a meeting of the UN Conference of the Parties currently happening in Katowice, Poland. This meeting is known as COP-24.

During the high-level session on December 3, 2018, His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State for the Holy See, gave a speech stating the concerns of Pope Francis and others about the negative effects of climate change. Cardinal Parolin was emphatic about the need for a “model of development that is free from technologies and behaviors that influence the over-production of greenhouse gases.” (Pg 1)

It was encouraged that the model of development be based “... on three pillars: 1) A clear ethical foundation; 2) The commitment to achieving three interlinked goals: advancing the dignity of the human person, alleviating poverty and promoting integral human development and easing the impact of climate change through responsible mitigation and adaptation measures; and 3) a focus on meeting both the needs of the present and of the future.” (Pg 2)

“A change of mentality is necessary, centered on core values capable of highlighting the ethical and human dimensions of climate change.” (Pg 3)

“We know what we can do, and what we have to do becomes an ethical imperative. This obliges us to think seriously about the meaning of financial and economic investments, orienting them towards sectors that really affect the future of humanity, safeguarding the conditions of a worth life on a ‘healthy’ planet.” ([Read more](#))

Doesn't this sound like integral ecology from another perspective?

