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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), we read: “We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental, moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

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Recently, NCRonline.org published an article titled *Where Science Warnings fail, can Moral force push us out of Climate Inertia?* Written by Brian Roewe, the article makes a statement: “So far, science alone has not been able to provide the spark to overcome political inertia that has resisted such massive change. More and more, a prevailing belief is that a moral force is needed.

“Into that space, Pope Francis introduced nearly four years ago his landmark encyclical “Laudato Si’ On Care for our Common Home,” a compendium of Catholic teaching and thought on creation and humanity’s role within it. With it, he outlined in unequivocal terms the essential duty to care for nature at the core of what it means to be Christian, and positioned the global Catholic Church as a prominent voice on climate change and environmental degradation that face populations across the planet.

“In the time since, the world has continued to warm at a historic and dangerous pace.”

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Integral Ecology: Where have you heard those two words before? By ignoring the morality, ethics, spirituality and science of the global climate crisis, are we an unintended instrument of chaos, ill health and even possible loss of life for creation that includes humanity living on the margins? Pray about it and listen for the whispers of the Holy Spirit in your heart.