

A Message from Reclaiming Earth Committee - May 29, 2019



It was in the encyclical *Laudato Si* that we noticed the words ***integral ecology***. In Wednesday Earth Wisdom, you have been reading more about it and, hopefully, reflecting on what you read. (Page 103)

Constitution 28 found in the newly approved Constitution and Rules of the Sisters of Providence, states: "In our response to the call of social justice, we strive to eliminate the causes of poverty according to our possibilities."

"We address the reality that all forms of violence seriously threaten the ability of all persons, especially those who suffer poverty, to share in the resources necessary for their well-being."

"We view natural resources as an occasion to praise Providence. Recognizing that we humans are a part of the whole created universe, we accept the challenge to promote an *integral ecology*." (Pope Francis)

"As we foster the human, social and environmental connectedness of creation, we become more authentic signs of God's loving Providence." (Page 18)

For the Sisters of St. Dominic of Tacoma, mission and ministry includes "transforming oppressive social structures." (Page 47 #1) In order to "further [their] mission, the congregation provides for formal study for the following reason ... Study/internship for members who wish to enter programs related to systemic change." (Page 48 #3 D)

The next page (48) includes the statement that it is "the responsibility of the congregation through the president and council to emphasize ... commitment to study ... the teachings of the Church, including social teachings."

Are you hearing the call?