

The Holy Father, Pope Francis,

made headlines when he penned His May 2015 Encyclical

Laudato Si`

Care for our Common Home.

The Pope calls the God's creation, the earth, our common home because we are dependent upon it and each other for survival. While the Catholic Churches concern for the environment is nothing new, our Holy father is the first Pope to write an encyclical on the environment and ecology. In His letter, the Pope imparts down – to - earth wisdom that is both spiritual and practical about social justice and the environment. He covers topics including society, technology, economics, and culture which he explains are interrelated with nature.

Michael Write, leader of the environmental justice ministry at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Freedom, PA has written a small booklet to summarize the “Laudato Si`” titled;

“10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know About the Environment”

- 1. The Agony in the Garden: What is Happening to Our Home?**
- 2. Everything's Connected: God, Environment, Life.**
- 3. Let it Be: The Intrinsic Value of Creation.**
- 4. The Common Good: Now and Later.**
- 5. Buy Now, Pay Later: Our throw Away Culture.**
- 6. Stop and Smell the Roses: Discerning the Spirit**
- 7. The Techno Kingdom: Using technology responsibly**
- 8. Home is Where the Heart Is: Development and Culture**
- 9. We're All in this Together: “A Culture of Care**
- 10. Our Calling; What Can We Do?**

The information on this page was adapted from the Booklet ***“10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know About the Environment”*** written by Michael wright and can be found in full at Liguori Publications.

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