

# Catholic Social Teaching Care of Creation

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Laudato Si

We are all in this together: Fraternal  
Interconnectedness in All Creation

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## Beauty of Creation in Appalachia

....one of God's awesome Cathedrals

# “Our ‘sister’ is hurting, has been plundered, is calling out-” *LS #2*

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- “Coal keeps the lights on”
- War on coal?
- How does industry affect the people on the margins?



## Mountain top removal

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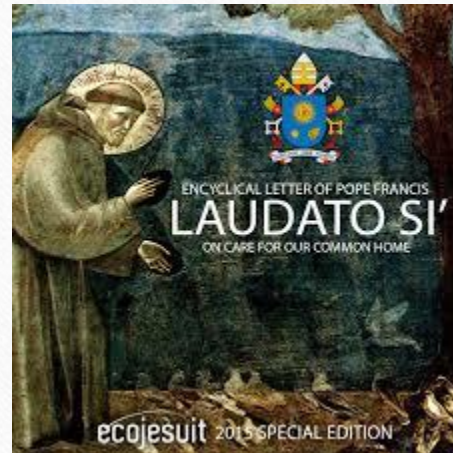
“A sober look shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism is making our earth less rich and beautiful.”

- Laudato Si, 33



Saint Francis was in love with creatures and teaches us an openness to awe and wonder at God's creation

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How are  
Humans  
Affected?



We cannot have communion with creation if we lack tenderness and compassion for fellow human beings. LS, 92

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- Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth....
- The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now. We need to reflect on our accountability before those who will have to endure the dire consequences. LS, 1616



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- Climate change disproportionately affects the poor who depend on agriculture, fishing and forestry. LS 25

...The Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics. But I am concerned to encourage an honest and open debate so that particular interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good.

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Market solutions will not be sufficient (LS, 190) Science alone will not be sufficient because science doesn't respond to all the issues of meaning for humanity; science and religions should be in dialogue. (LS, 200)

# Regional pastoral teaching

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# 8 Ingredients of First “Third World Encyclical”

Nathan Schneider, *America*

*June 18, 2015*



# *Laudato Si*

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- 1. It comes from a Third World pope.
- 2. It transcends Cold War binaries.
- 3. It foregrounds the experience of the poor.
- 4. It places the commons over property.
- 5. It says what is unsayable in US politics.
- 6. It takes both Catholic tradition and science seriously.



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- 7. It speaks of relationship rather than dominion.
  - 8. It insists that we can make a difference.