

Point 1--Encyclical

What is it?

Why is it important?

Laudato Si'

Point 2--Laudato Si

Theme (8 out of 9)	Response/Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet. <p>Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming...They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited. (25)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conviction that everything in the world is connected. <p>"Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." (139)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology's influence on society. <p>"We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels -- especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas -- needs to be progressively replaced without delay." (165)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The call to find other ways of developing an inclusive society, that allows the sharing of resources and improves human dignity. <p>"Put simply, it is a matter of redefining our notion of progress. A technological and economic development which does not leave in its wake a better world and an integrally higher quality of life cannot be considered progress." (194)</p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value given to each creature in proper proportion. <p>“Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose.” (84)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The human meaning of ecology. <p>“We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the underprivileged, and at the same time protecting nature.” (139)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The serious responsibility of international and local policies. <p>“...in the absence of pressure from the public and from civic institutions, political authorities will always be reluctant to intervene...” (181)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle. <p>“The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. (21)</p> <p>These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish.” (22)</p>	

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