



FOOD FOR PERSONAL AND PLANETARY HEALTH SHOWCASE
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Mission

- ❑ The SJN Care for Our Common Home (CCH) Ministry, guided by a rich tradition of Catholic social teaching, works to bring to life the message of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, in all relevant aspects of parish life, including worship, faith formation, social ministry, and facilities management.
- ❑ We will share Church teaching on care for creation, strive to reduce our carbon footprint as a parish, and provide resources and encouragement so that all parishioners can live in a more sustainable manner as faithful stewards of creation.
- ❑ In response to the Church's moral call for action, we seek to better understand the interconnectedness of all of God's creation and act in solidarity with vulnerable populations around the world and for future generations.

Motivation

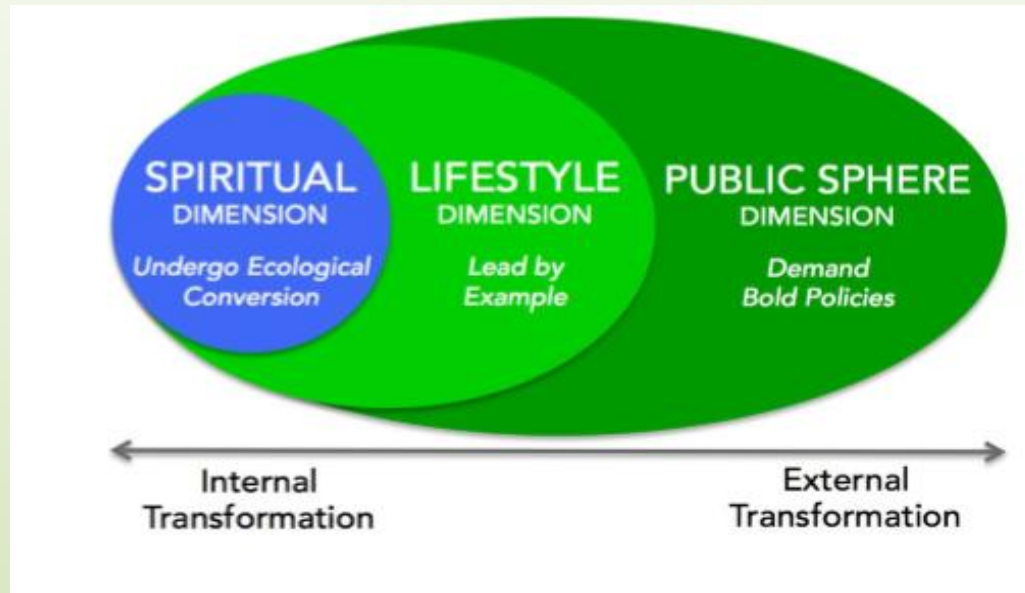
- Reflect and act on the Laudato Si' message
- Study Church teachings on the environment.
- Live more simply.
- Be more mindful in our choices and behaviors.
- Prayerfully contemplate a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation.
- Advocate for policies that will protect the earth, our common home, and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

LAUDATO SI'

ON THE CARE OF
OUR COMMON HOME



Transformation



- Prayer – changing our hearts
- Education – changing our understanding
- Sustainability – changing our habits
- Advocacy – changing our culture

CCH Prayer at SJN

Prayer Service for Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Come Celebrate!
St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day
Patron Saint of Ecology



Photo Credit: Ed Sabo
Wall Mural at the Center for Action and Contemplation
Albuquerque, NM; May 2016

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7 pm
in the DeSales Chapel

Sing, pray, learn and talk about:
Pope Francis' new 8th Work of Mercy
"Care for our Common Home"

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Prayer and
Laudato Si'
Reflections
with
Fr. Jacek
Orzechowski,
OFM

Earth
Day
Prayer
Service
2017



Outdoor Prayer Walk
2017 World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation

CCH Education at SJN

Laudato Si' Presentation By Catholic Climate Covenant



Religious Education Lenten Carbon Footprint Activities

Bag It Movie Presentation Is Your Life Too Plastic?



Understanding Laudato Si
EP01: "Models of Creation"



Understanding Laudato Si EP
02: "Situating Laudato Si"

Fr. Dan Horan's 7-Week Laudato Si' Video Series

CCH Sustainability at SJN

Energy Efficiency



Roadside Cleanup – Lawyers to Soapstone Rds

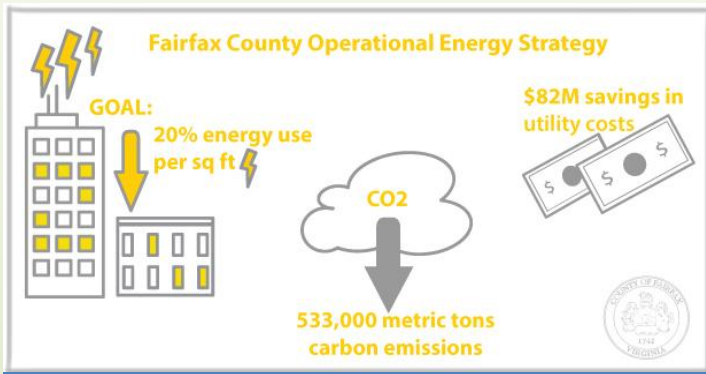


Fair Trade Bazaar



Washing Dishes at Soup Suppers and Hypothermia Dinners

CCH Advocacy at SJN



Advocating for Policies to Cut Energy Use in Fairfax County

Meeting with Rep. Comstock's Staff about Climate Solutions Caucus



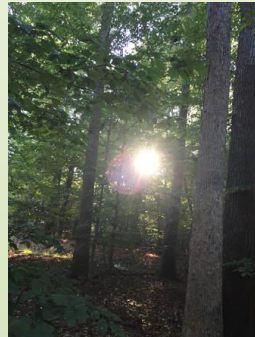
Meeting with Sen. Warner's Staff about Clean Power Plan

2017 Climate March in DC



Involving SJN Youth

Elementary School -
Writing Laudato Si' Letters
to Pope Francis

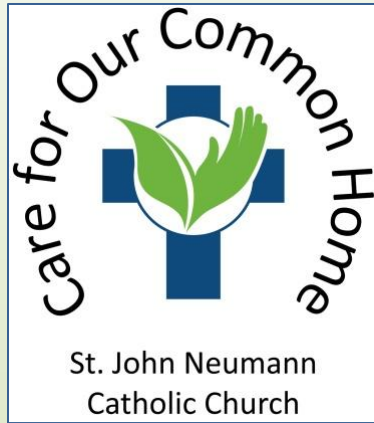


Middle and High School
Photo Contest
Seeing God in Nature



Eagle Scout
Pollinator
Garden
Project

Connecting with Faith Groups



**GLOBAL CATHOLIC
CLIMATE MOVEMENT**



**SEASON OF
CREATION**



Catholic Energies
Conserve, Educate, Inspire



**Faith Alliance
for Climate Solutions**



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**INTERFAITH
& Power
& Light**

Our religious response to climate change.

**Care for Creation
Network
Catholic Diocese
of Arlington**

Gathering Good Companions

THE ARLINGTON
CATHOLIC HERALD

*Diocese of Arlington and parishes form
a green network. 4/18/18*

NATIONAL
CATHOLIC **REPORTER**
THE INDEPENDENT NEWS SOURCE

*Reducing waste: Catholic parishes,
hospitals see results from efforts to
reduce and recycle. Apr 23, 2018*

*“And so, in my own life venture, I found
good companions on the way. And from
moment to moment, the number is
gathered until it seems almost limitless,
the number of good companions.”*

Father Thomas Berry, ecotheologian



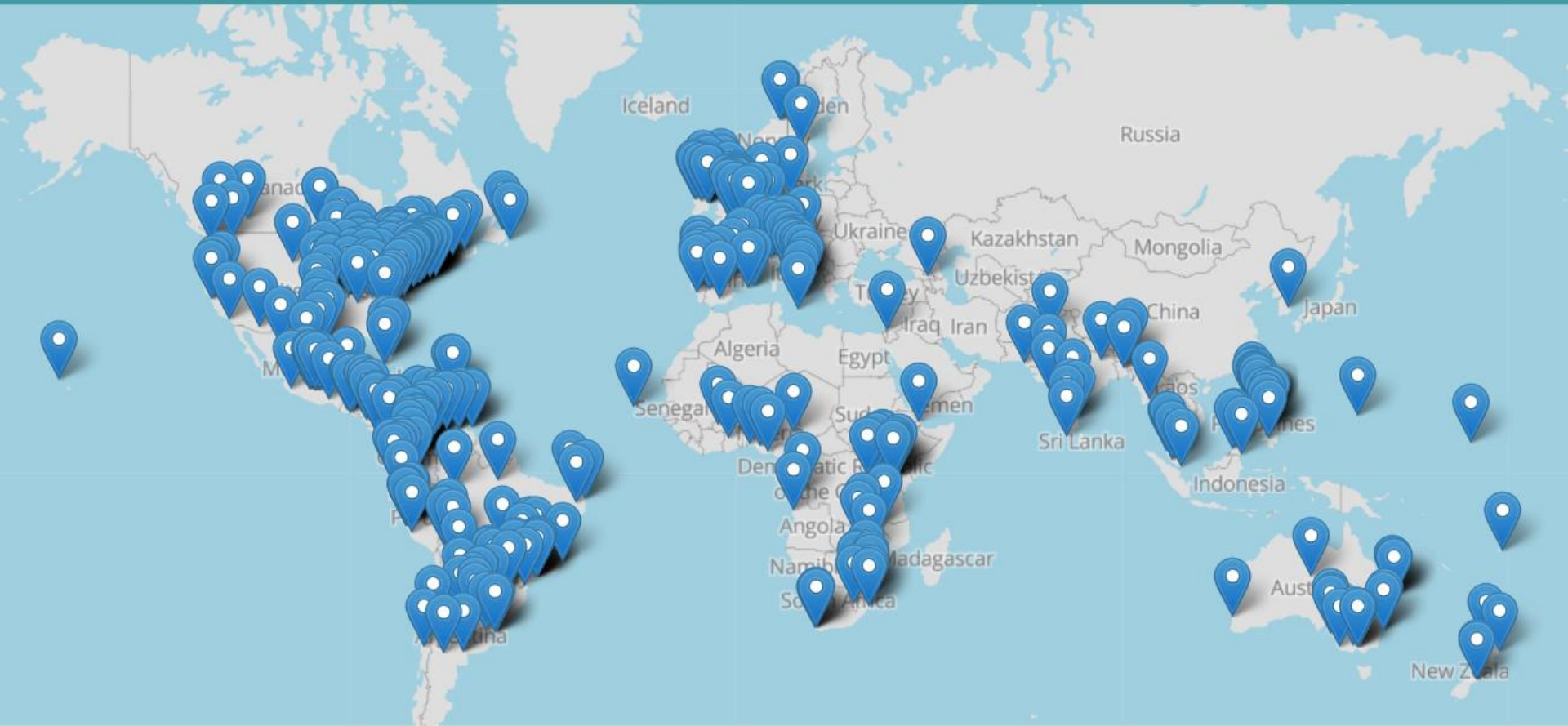
**2018 FACS Sustainability Champions:
Congregation Category**





**SEASON OF
CREATION**

100s of Events Around the World



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS

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.

The environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

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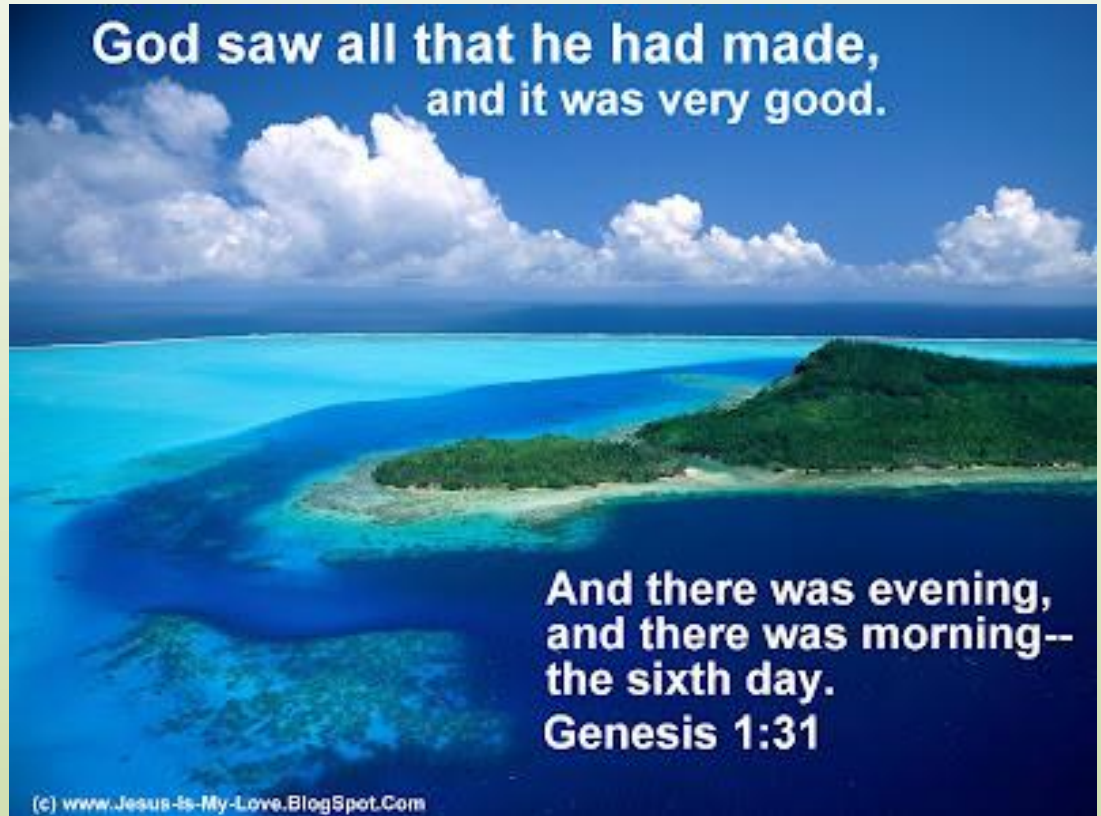


<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/care-for-creation.cfm>

Grounded in Scripture

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it *very good*.

Genesis 1:31



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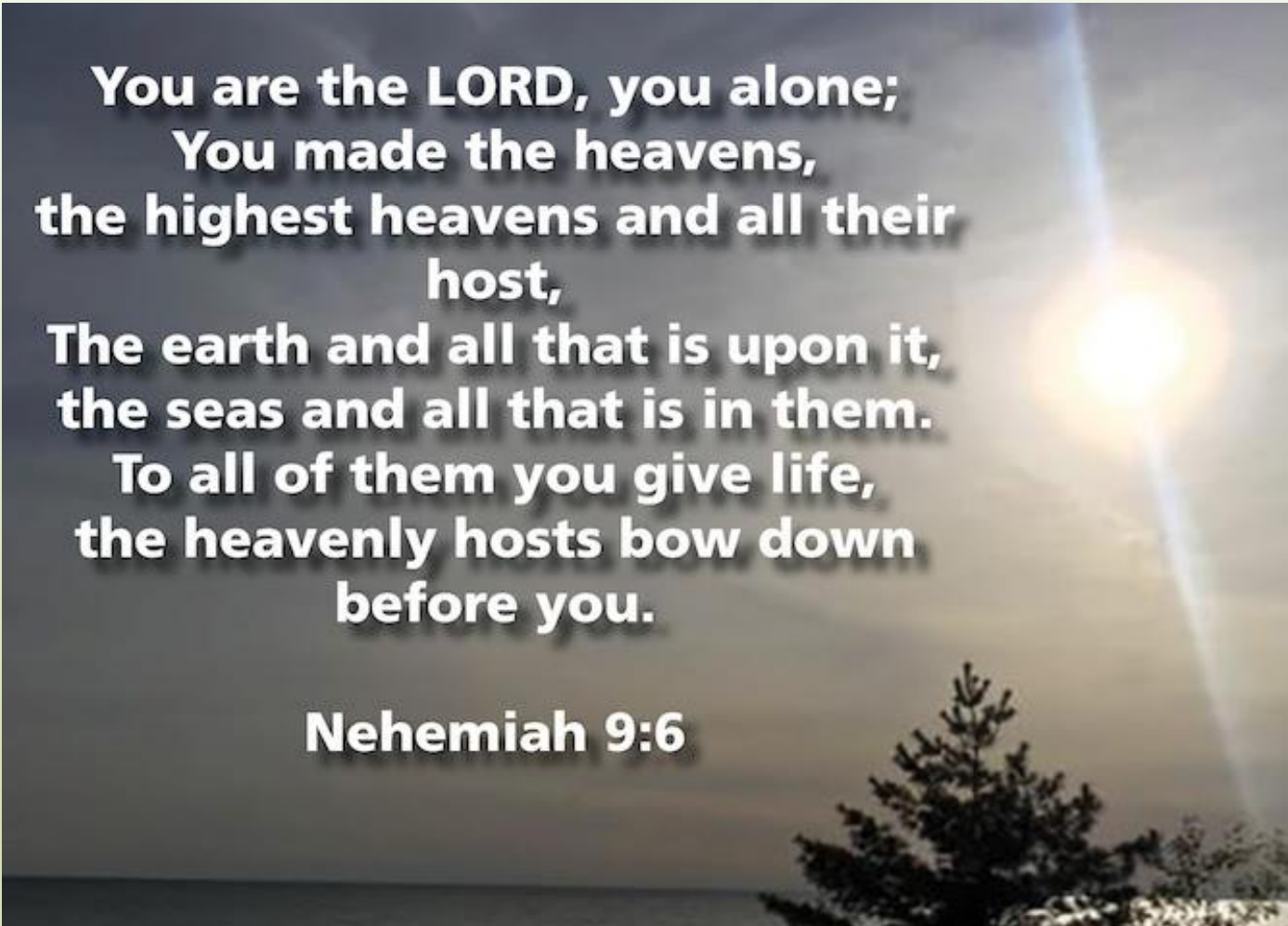


The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, *to cultivate it and care for it.* Genesis 2:15



Photos of Boy Scouts building a Pollinator Garden at St. John Neumann, Fall 2017

Grounded in Scripture

A dramatic sky scene with a bright sun and a vertical beam of light. The sun is a large, glowing orb on the right side of the frame, casting a bright, vertical beam of light that extends from the top to the bottom of the image. The sky is a mix of light and dark clouds, with the sun's glow illuminating the surrounding area. In the bottom right corner, the dark silhouette of a tree is visible against the sky.

**You are the LORD, you alone;
You made the heavens,
the highest heavens and all their
host,
The earth and all that is upon it,
the seas and all that is in them.
To all of them you give life,
the heavenly hosts bow down
before you.**

Nehemiah 9:6

Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi



Canticle of Creation

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our **BROTHER SUN**, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently.



Be praised, my Lord, for **SISTER WATER**, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.



Be praised, my Lord, for **MOTHER EARTH**, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables and flowers of many colours.

Photos submitted by SJN students during the 2017 Season of Creation

Guided by Saint John Paul II



“When the ecological crisis is set within the broader context of the search for peace within society, we can understand better the importance of giving attention to what the earth and its atmosphere are telling us:

namely, that there is an order in the universe which must be respected, and that the human person, endowed with the capability of choosing freely, has a grave responsibility to preserve this order for the well-being of future generations.

I wish to repeat that the ecological crisis is a moral issue.

[Saint John Paul II](#), *Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All Creation* - 1990
World Day of Peace Message, nos. 6, 9.

Guided by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change ... ?

Humanity needs a profound cultural renewal; it needs to rediscover those values which can serve as the solid basis for building a brighter future for all.

Our present crises – be they economic, food-related, environmental or social – are ultimately also moral crises, and all of them are interrelated.



**They require us to rethink
the path which we are
traveling together.**

[Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI](#), *If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation* - 2010 World Day of Peace Message, nos. 4, 5.

Guided by Pope Francis



“I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.”

**—Pope Francis,
Laudato Si’**

Top 10 *Laudato Si'* Takeaways

LAUDATO SI'

ON THE CARE OF
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#10 A change of heart is required

#9 Global dialogue and solidarity are needed

#8 Widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems

#7 Scientific research on the environment is to be praised and used

#6 Everything is connected – including the economy

#5 Discussions about ecology can be grounded in the Bible and church tradition

#4 Catholic social teaching now includes teaching on the environment

#3 Less is more

#2 The poor are disproportionately affected by climate change

#1 The spiritual perspective is now part of the discussion on the Environment

Source: James Martin, S.J.; America Magazine; June 18, 2015

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

Everything is Connected !

Care for God's Creation

**Call to Family,
Community and Participation**

Rights and Responsibilities

**Option for the Poor
And Vulnerable**

**Dignity of Work and
Rights of Workers**

Solidarity

**Life and Dignity of the
Human Person**

SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

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Participation

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