

***Laudato Si'* Week, Monday, May 18, 2020**

"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 affects us all." *Laudato Si'* (14)

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis appealed for a new dialogue about how to shape the planet for the common good of all. He saw the financial crisis of 2007-8 as an opportunity to develop a new economy more attentive to the common good but felt the response to that crisis did not include rethinking outdated criteria which affect world economies. Perhaps the current health crisis and related economic crisis is another opportunity to re-think outdated politics and economics. Various political states are now trying to formulate ways to improve public health and re-establish their economies.

Reflection:

What can we learn from the varied approaches taken to recover from this crisis?

How can we apply more broadly those that are effective to give us a desired outcome for the common good of all now and in the future?

How can we express our support of those desired outcomes?

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Pray:

God of the poor help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

Laudato Si'