

*God saw all that he had created, and it was good. . . . Then the Lord God placed man [and woman] in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and care for it.*

**(Genesis 1:31, 2:15)**

Dear Members of the Family of Holy Cross,

As all of humanity is rightly taking notice of the environmental crisis we encounter, I ask—no, I beg—you to take time to become more aware of what we must do to rejuvenate our common home. Individually, you and I can make a significant difference.

I recommend you investigate, if you have not, the website *Laudato Si' Movement* (a.k.a. *Catholic Climate Movement*), Too, I ask you to take a moment to go to the website *Catholic Climate Covenant* to sign the petition to our political leaders to promote the nurturing of our common home, our planet Earth. We are truly in crisis.

Each of us, one by one, can make a difference. The time to act is now. Please act before the time of regret is a part of our reality. Let us become conscious of the need to change our lifestyles, ways of production and habits of consumption, Let us together tend and nurture the wonderful garden God has given us.

With fraternal love and respect for you and our *common home*, I am respectfully and fraternally yours in Holy Cross,

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*Humanity is called to become conscious of the need to make changes in lifestyle, production, and consumption.*

**(Pope Francis)**