



Earth Day is April 22!

World Environment Day is June 5!

What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church say about the care for God's creation?

#2415: Man's dominion over inanimate and other living beings granted by the Creator is not absolute; it is limited by concern for the quality of life of his neighbor, including generations to come; it requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation.

Did You Know . . . ?

Much of the harm done to the environment today is caused by a lack of solidarity, i.e., a "*firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good.*" (*Social Concerns of the Church #38*)

For example, companies often seek to obtain raw materials at the lowest possible cost in order to make the most profit. These low-cost practices are often very detrimental to the environment, and thus detrimental to the people in surrounding communities and the people of future generations.

Another example is the unbridled consumerism and waste in the United States. In our attempt to satisfy momentary wants and desires, we plunder resources and consume energy—resources and energy that belong to all the people of the earth. And yet, millions of people live in destitution, barely able to obtain what they need for survival.

In order to meet today's ecological challenges, we must pray for a conversion of the heart that will lead to personal change. We must also commit ourselves to supporting structural changes that will benefit the environment, and thus, all of humanity.

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