

## Prayer for Ecological Conversion

God of the sun and the moon,  
of the mountains, deserts and plains.

God of the mighty oceans,  
of rivers, lakes and streams.

God of all creatures that live  
in the seas and fly in the air,  
of every living thing that grows and moves  
on this sacred Earth...

Help us to love and respect it.

To repair what we have damaged.

To care for what you have made good and holy.

Give us the wisdom and the passion  
to change our minds and hearts and our ways.

Let us be mustard seeds in our world  
bringing about ecological conversion which  
grows and spreads to every corner of the earth  
for our sake now and for every generation  
which is to come.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.  
*(Adapted from Catholic Earthcare Launch 2002)*

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Pope Francis is committed to

"...we should all commit ourselves  
to promoting and implementing the  
development goals that are supported by  
our deepest religious and ethical values."

*Pope Francis, Agenda 2030, 2015*



**Laudato Si'**  
On Care for  
Our Common Home



As members of the Catholic Earthcare  
network we are called to care for creation...

We must care for creation  
"Ex Amore" *St Francis*

Listen to the cry of the earth  
and cry of the poor (*N49*)

Form intimate connections to place (*N84*)

Take the long view

- that life is made up of networks  
of dynamic interactions
- that change is ongoing and  
necessary for life
- that humans are dependent on the health  
of these networks *Douglas Christie 2013*

Live simply so others can simply live  
*Gandhi*

Dialogue, Dialogue, Dialogue

...as we move towards an ecological vocation

# Catholic Earthcare Steps to Ecological Dialogue



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WATER



ENERGY



WASTE



HEALTH & WELL BEING



GREENING & BIODIVERSITY



ETHICAL INVESTMENT



## Create a Climate for Change

### 1. Form the Heart through

#### a) Ecological Literacy

Understanding your connection to nature "It is part of our responsibility [to be] looking after our country. If you don't look after country, country won't look after you"

*(April Bright in Rose, 1996: 49)*

#### b) Our Theological and Moral Imperative to Care for Our Common Home

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. [N1]

## Engage and Enable the Whole Community

### 2. Build an Apostolate by:

- Involving multiple stakeholders
- Selecting a coordinator

### 3. Prepare Ye The Way

- Collect data and select a theme
- Form a strategic plan with prioritised goals and set targets

### 4. Create Discipleship

- Communicate the plan
- Involve all stakeholders in decision making and resulting actions



*Steps are Adapted from John Kotter (1996)*

## Implement and Sustain the Transformation

### 5. Empower Others

- Remove barriers and sponsor initiatives

### 6. Harvest Easy Wins

- Build momentum 'early and often'
- Choose achievable goals by 'picking the low hanging fruit first'

### 7. Sustain and Go Forth

- Embed action plans within renewal processes
- Track progress and energise others through networking
- Gently 'raise the bar' in each cycle of action
- Integrate multiple themes over time

### 8. Animate Others

- Build our mission by connecting to the like-minded. Share, educate and celebrate