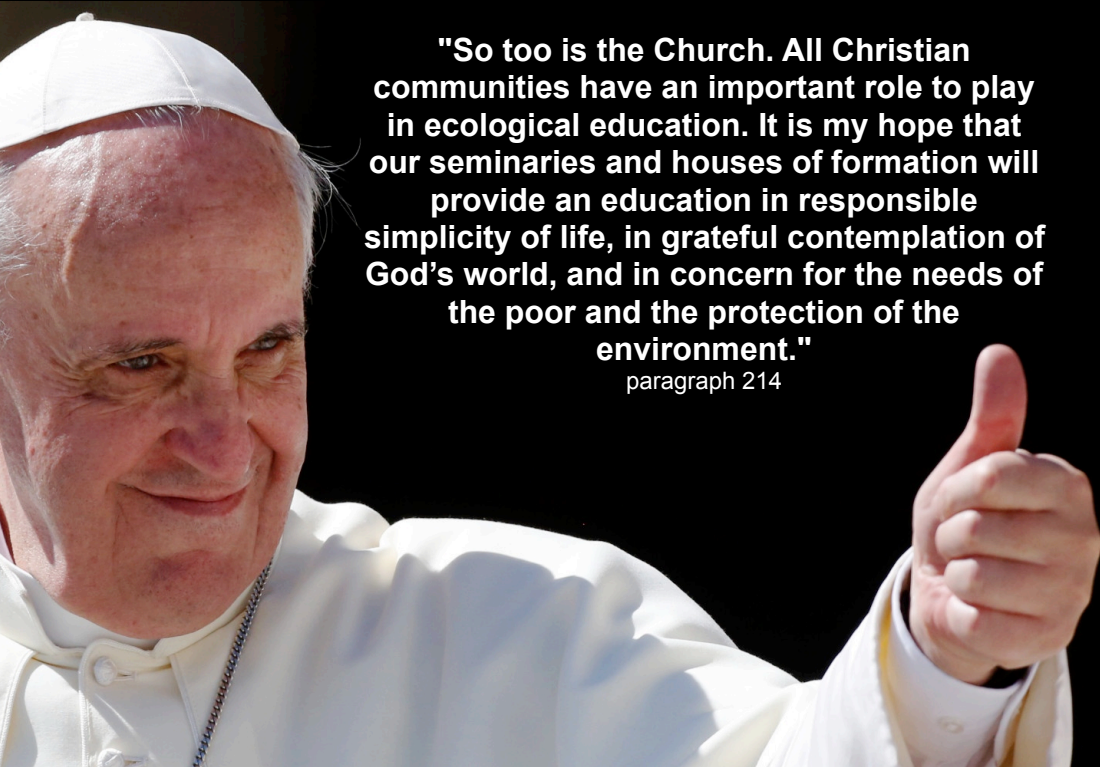


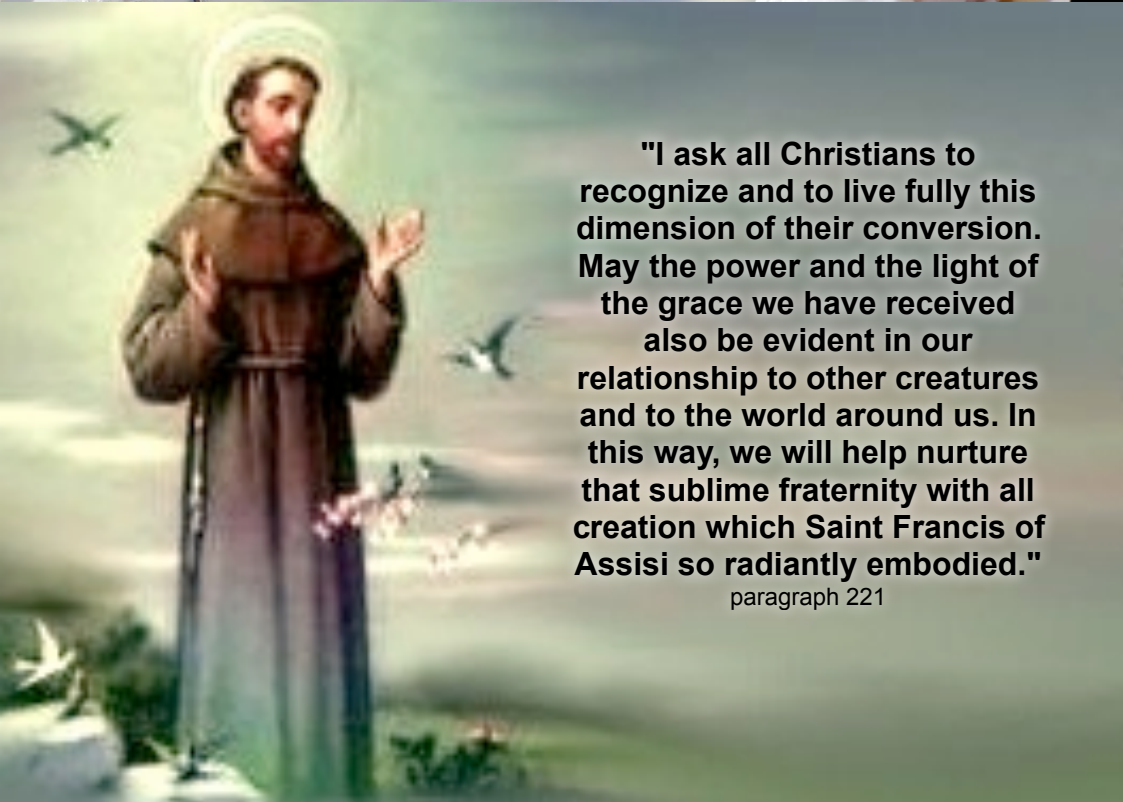
Highlights of the Encyclical



"So too is the Church. All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education. It is my hope that our seminaries and houses of formation will provide an education in responsible simplicity of life, in grateful contemplation of God's world, and in concern for the needs of the poor and the protection of the environment."
paragraph 214



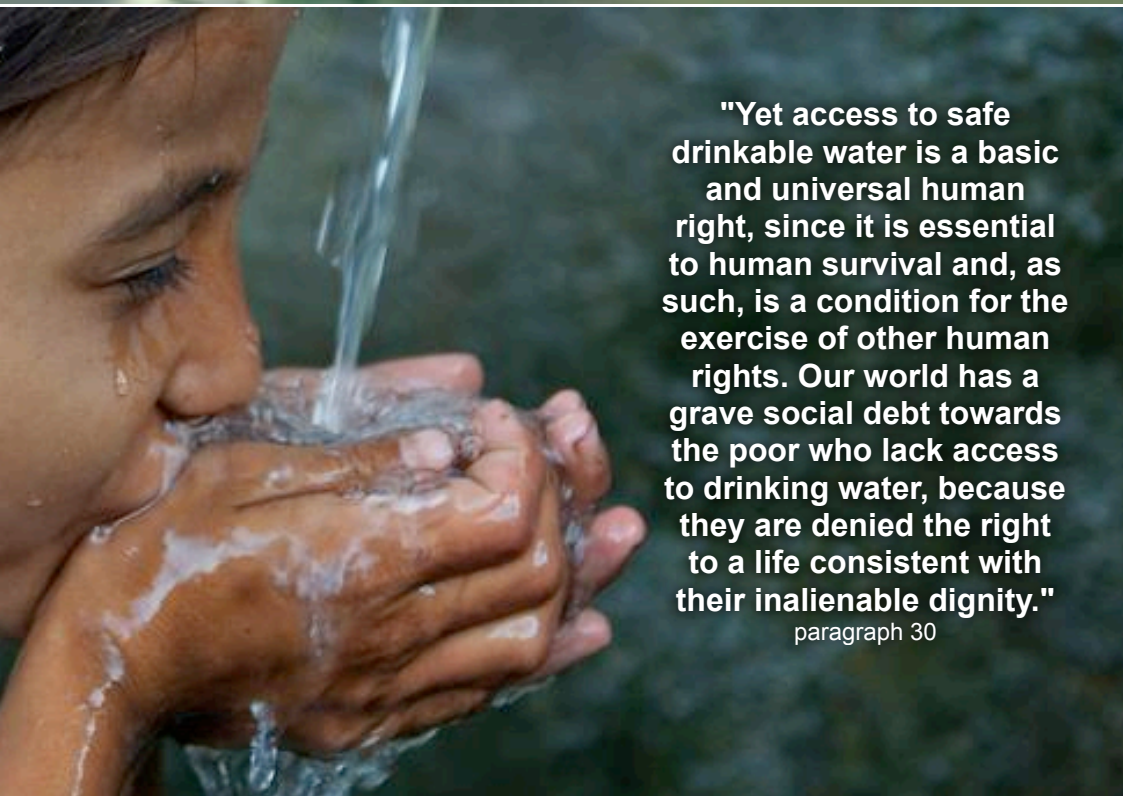
"When all these relationships are neglected, when justice no longer dwells in the land, the Bible tells us that life itself is endangered."
paragraph 70



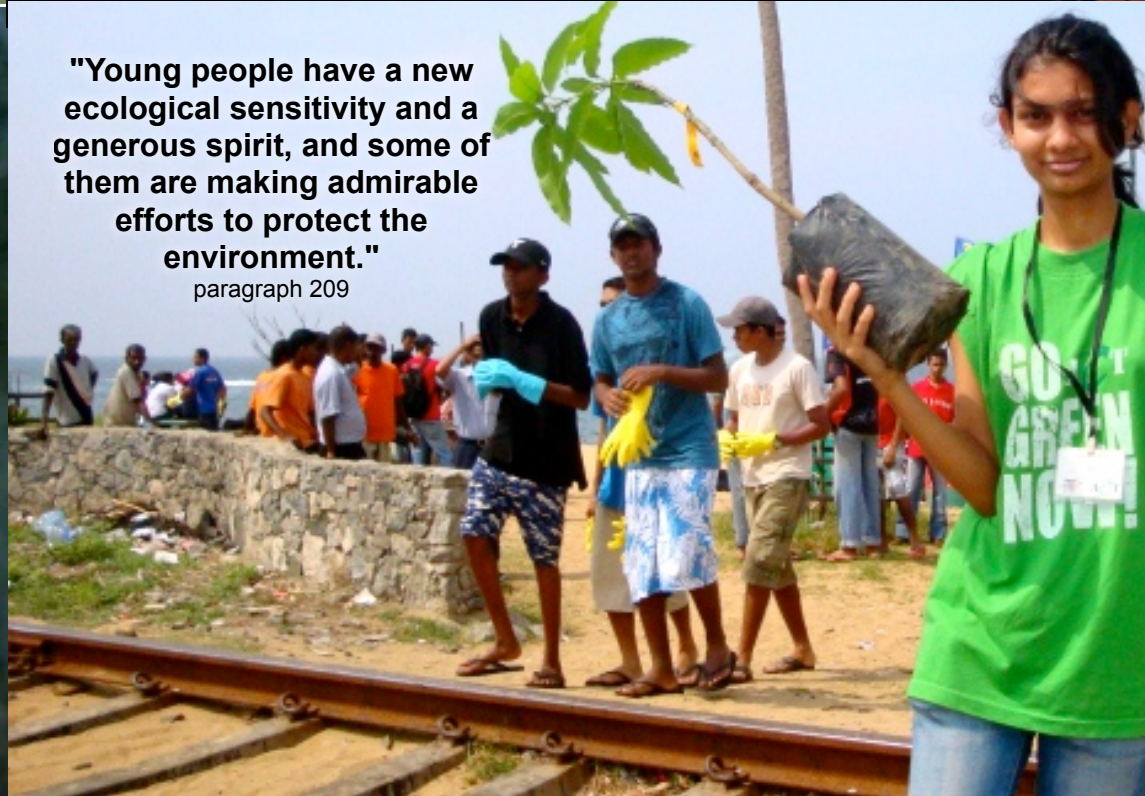
"I ask all Christians to recognize and to live fully this dimension of their conversion. May the power and the light of the grace we have received also be evident in our relationship to other creatures and to the world around us. In this way, we will help nurture that sublime fraternity with all creation which Saint Francis of Assisi so radiantly embodied."
paragraph 221



"We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels – especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas – needs to be progressively replaced without delay."
paragraph 165



"Yet access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."
paragraph 30

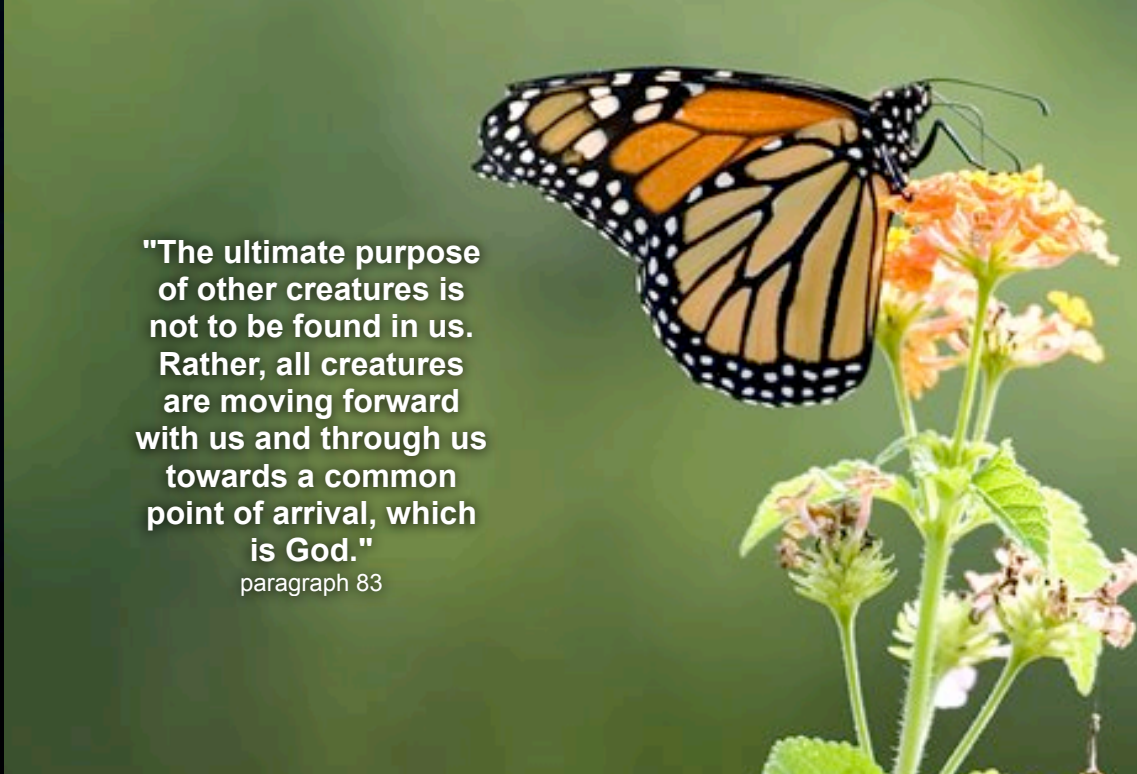


"Young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them are making admirable efforts to protect the environment."
paragraph 209



**"Because of us,
thousands of species
will no longer give glory
to God by their very
existence, nor convey
their message to us. We
have no such right."**

paragraph 33



**"The ultimate purpose
of other creatures is
not to be found in us.
Rather, all creatures
are moving forward
with us and through us
towards a common
point of arrival, which
is God."**

paragraph 83



**"Let us sing as we
walk. May our
struggles and our
concern for this
planet never take
away the joy of
our hope."**

paragraph 244



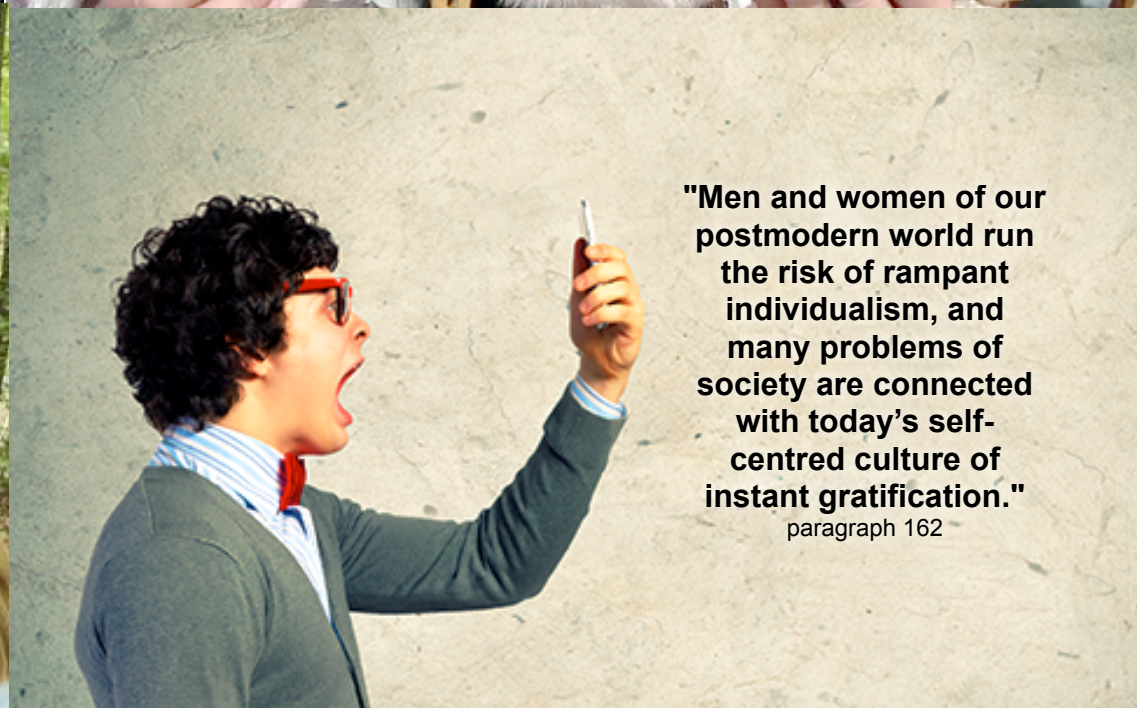
**"Indigenous
communities... should
be the principal
dialogue partners,
especially when large
projects affecting their
land are proposed."**

paragraph 146



**"That moment of
blessing, however
brief, reminds us of our
dependence on God for
life; it strengthens our
feeling of gratitude for
the gifts of creation; it
acknowledges those
who by their labours
provide us with these
goods; and it reaffirms
our solidarity with
those in greatest
need."**

paragraph 227



**"Men and women of our
postmodern world run
the risk of rampant
individualism, and
many problems of
society are connected
with today's self-
centred culture of
instant gratification."**

paragraph 162



**"A person who could
afford to spend and
consume more but
regularly uses less
heating and wears
warmer clothes, shows
the kind of convictions
and attitudes which help
to protect the
environment."**

paragraph 211



**"A technology
severed from
ethics will not
easily be able to
limit its own
power."**

paragraph 136

