

On CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME,

**Laudato Si**

The Encyclical of Pope Francis on the Environment  
with Commentary by Sean McDonagh

19. Our goal is...to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and this to discover what each of us can do about it.

21. The earth our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.

23. The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all...we are presently noticing a disturbing warming of the climate system...Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of life style, production and consumption...most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases...released mainly as a result of human activity...and the intensive use of fossil fuels carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides.

25. Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods...Many poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming...animals and plants cannot adapt, migrate affecting the livelihood of the poor.

26. Many who possess ore resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms...

27. The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem of poverty.

28. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry...but now in many places demand exceeds the sustainable supply...especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water...

29. Every day unsafe water results in many deaths...

30...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, because ...they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity.