

Basics of Catholic Social Teaching

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7pm	Sign on	
7:05	Welcome and Opening Prayer	Janie Pudhorodsky
7:10	Introduction and Overview	Janie Pudhorodsky
7:13	Overview of the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching	Tom Eckman
7:23	Deeper Dive: Study of Care for God's Creation	Mary Beth Slagle
7:28	Break out Group Discussion	
7:48	Return to Main Room	
7:50	Charity and Justice at Church of the Incarnation	Janie Eckman
8:00	Closing Prayer	Janie Pudhorodsky

Items for Reflection

"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. . . . If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:26, 30)

"On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself—God's gift to his children—and through hard work and creativity. At the same time we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it." —Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate), no. 50

A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. . . . Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." —Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si'), nos. 49, 91



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1. How have you experienced awe and wonder at God's creation?
2. What has your experience with nature taught you about the Creator?
3. How have you or your loved ones been impacted by the effects of **not** caring for God's Creation? By floods, heat, pollution, mold, hunger, utility bills, or lack of transportation?
4. What would our community look like if we all understood and lived out this theme of Catholic Social Teaching?