

Questions for Discussion

Laudato Si':
On Care for Our Common Home

Chapter 1:

- 1) How might we help to reverse the throwaway culture (*LS*, 20-22)?
- 2) Do you foresee large multinational corporations controlling water supply (*LS*, 27-31)?
- 3) How might we help people to grow in awareness of their interconnectedness (*LS*, 43-47)?
- 4) By what ways can we responsibly better use non-renewable resources (*LS*, 51)?

Chapter 2:

- 1) Do you believe in “natural law”? If so, what relevance would this law have for the human-animal relationship (*LS*, 67-69)?
- 2) Do we depend too much on God protecting our climate and “making right” our mistakes? If so, why (*LS*, 78-81)?
- 3) How much should humans control nature? How much should they give nature the freedom “to be itself” (*LS*, 83)?

Chapter 5:

- 1) What would people need to do to plan for one world with a common plan (*LS*, 164)?
- 2) Do you think that “carbon credits” are a possible solution to resolving sustainability issues (*LS*, 171)?
- 3) How might we move beyond partisan divides, e.g., on climate warming, to find a middle ground (*LS*, 183-188)?
- 4) Is it realistic to expect that profit can be made a less important driver of the economy (*LS*, 189-90)?
- 5) How might we redefine “progress” after reading *Laudato Si'* (*LS*, 192-194)?