

Questions for Discussion

Laudato Si':
On Care for Our Common Home

Reflection Questions to Open the Discussion:

1. How do you feel when you think about or hear news about climate change? How do you try to cope with these feelings?
2. To what extent do you address sustainability or climate change in your teaching? What difficulties do you encounter in addressing these subjects? Conversely, what successes have you had (or can you imagine having) in this area?

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)?