

Our God Calls Us to be Environmental Stewards

“God placed the man and woman in the Garden of Eden as its gardeners, to tend and care for it...”

Genesis 2:15

Our Church Calls Us to be Environmental Stewards

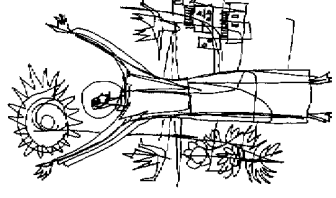
“What is required is an act of repentance on our part and a renewed attempt to view ... the world around us within the perspective of the divine design for creation ... A solution ... can be found only if we undergo in the most radical way an inner change of heart, which can lead to a change in lifestyle and of unsustainable patterns of consumption and production. A genuine conversion in Christ will enable us to change the way we think and act.”

Pope John Paul II
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Our Hearts Call Us to be Environmental Stewards

“For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts. Since earliest times humans have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known God’s existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse [when they stand before God at Judgment Day].”

Romans 1:19-20





What is Stewardship?

The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Stewardship does not imply ownership; nor does it imply domination.

Stewardship does imply the care and concern for something to which the steward will ultimately be held accountable.

How Do We Become Environmental Stewards?

1. Repent of our Environmental Sins (See Catechism of the Catholic Church – Paragraph 2415)
 - overconsumption
 - environmental abuse/neglect
2. Ask for God's Forgiveness and Help:
 - seek sacrament of reconciliation
 - pray for ability to repent and change
3. Pursue:
 - Universal Kinship
 - Simple Living
 - Environmental Peacemaking

Learn more about environmental stewardship.

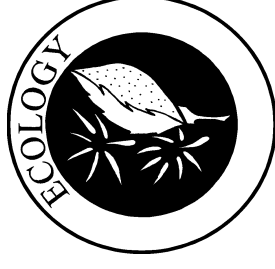
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Our Call to be Environmental Stewards

“Moreover they should respect all creatures....which ‘bear the imprint of the Most High,’ ”
SFO Rule, Article 18

“Seek a proper spirit of detachment....by simplifying their own material needs”
SFO Rule, Article 11