



SEASON OF CREATION

The Cry of the Earth Becomes the Cry of the Poor

The gravest environmental effects are suffered most by the poorest people, and the cry of the Earth and cry of the poor are closely linked. While

all nations and peoples are impacted, the poor suffer more, especially when their farms, forests, and subsistence-level livelihood stand in the way of modern economic "progress". Even in the United States, one third of the population lives with perilously low incomes, according to the U. S. Census Bureau. The poor are often removed from centers of power and affluence. They need the Church to stand in solidarity with them so they can meet their needs and protect their families. And, if we are honest, we know that developed nations extract, use, and devour most of the natural resources of poorer, less-developed countries, and they owe an "ecological debt" to poorer nations. Pope Francis suggests that "developed countries ought to help pay this debt by significantly limiting their consumption of non-renewable energy, and by assisting poorer countries to support policies and programs of sustainable development." (Laudato Si', 48-61)

Pray Luke 6:20 "And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.'"

Think Poor and vulnerable people and communities suffer from damage to the environment.

Act Consider assisting the Micah 6 Community in Pontiac to build a strong community and provide healthy food and services for their vulnerable residents.

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