TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: PATHWAYS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

> "Creation itself is our common home, where men and women, members of the one human family, live with all other creatures." (FD 115)

"The themes of the Church's social doctrine, such as commitment to peace and justice, care for our common home . . . must also be more widely shared among the People of God so that the action of missionary disciples can influence the construction of a more just and compassionate world."(FD 151)

"Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life." (LS 225)

Scripture:

Romans 1:20: "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (Wis 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world"

Genesis 1:31: "God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good."

Leviticus 25:23: "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me."

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- Where do we see signs of the earth suffering?
- How do we hear God calling us to care for the earth, our common home, in our parish, our diocese and the universal church?

Further reading: Laudato Si; On Care for Our Common Home.Encyclical Letter. Pope Francis