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"Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, Most High." (Saint Francis. Canticle of the creatures)

Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful. (Saint Francis. Canticle of the creatures)

Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creature. (Saint Francis. Canticle of the creatures) "Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste" (Saint Francis. Canticle of the creatures)

## "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way" Psalm 37:23





Through the greatness and beauty of the creatures, one comes to know by analogy their maker (Wisdom 13:5)

## "Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation" Blessed Pope Paul VI, 1971



















We read in the Gospel that Jesus says of the birds of the air that "not one of them is forgotten before God" (Lk 12:6). How then can we possibly mistreat them or cause them harm? (LS 221).



If you chance to come upon a bird's nest in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs and the mother sitting upon the young or upon the eggs; you shall not take the mother with the young" (Dt 22:6)... Clearly, the Bible has no place for a tyrannical anthropocentrism unconcerned for other creatures (LS 68).



Pick waste out of the water and into the pail

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All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents (LS 14).

