

ROSE'S NOTES

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BE COURAGEOUS.

In the HEART of this WORLD, the LORD always present... does not abandon us... does not leave us alone... his LOVE constantly impels us to FIND NEW WAYS FORWARD.

[We are called to] AN ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ENOUGH TO CHANGE FOR?

Be brave!

Do it for the cats!

Don't give up.

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Whatever is fragile, like the environment, is DEFENSELESS before the interests of a DEIFIED MARKET, which become the only rule.

I ASK ALL BELIEVERS TO RETURN TO THIS BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL CUSTOM of giving THANKS to God before and after meals.

Scientists have catalogued the symptoms. Our religious traditions have identified the disease. Everyone can take precautions to control its spread. However, we still lack "leadership capable of striking out on new paths and meeting the needs of the present with concern for all and without prejudice toward coming generations" and "a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems." Prior governmental responses have been weak—and weak action actually strengthens the disease. Starting now, every single person (even those corporate golems formed under Citizens United) must demand worldwide legal processes that prioritize and enforce good habits of ecological citizenship. Laudato Si provides a global moral framework for moving forward.

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4 Christians have a unique role in bringing this disease under control. First, we need to repent from teaching that God ordained humans to dominate and enslave nature, rather than to serve and preserve creation as "ministers of the Creator."

Second, we must promote reverence for birds, flowers, sunsets, the ocean, cultures, and peoples, and virtuous habits, such as prayer at meals, reduced consumerism, and resting on Sundays, that promote "ecological conversion." To eradicate this soul sickness requires the whole human family cooperating "as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements, and talents." Everyone can do something.

Every good thing you do matters and multiplies. Everything is connected.

CREATION is of the order of LOVE.

NATURE is nothing other than a certain kind of art... GOD'S ART.

[Nothing] justifies absolute domination over other creatures.

LAST GADGET SABBATH.

5 Even with such a grave diagnosis, the Holy One, who loves us so much, is always present. The Lord of life "does not abandon us." We go bravely on, with love impelling us to find new ways to live. It is time to "take charge of this home that has been entrusted to us." Let us sing as we go, heads held high, determined to let no one take our dignity and never to relinquish "the joy of our hope."

The Christian tradition has never recognized the right to private property as absolute or inviolable, and has stressed the SOCIAL PURPOSE of all forms of private property.

We must hear both the cry of the EARTH and the cry of the POOR.

When media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to LIVE WISELY, THINK DEEPLY, LOVE GENEROUSLY.

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The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.

WE CAN NO LONGER SPEAK OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT APART FROM INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

A TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT DOES NOT LEAVE IN ITS WAKE A BETTER WORLD AND AN INTEGRALLY HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED PROGRESS.

THE EUCHARIST IS ITSELF AN ACT OF COSMIC LOVE... celebrated on the altar of the WORLD.

HOW DO YOU PRAY?

WHAT GIVES YOU THE MOST JOY?

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.

The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue that requires PATIENCE, SELF-DISCIPLINE, and GENEROSITY, always keeping in mind that "realities are greater than ideas."