



Bulletin Quotes for the Feast of St. Francis

“The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole.”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (48)

“The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere.”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (51)

“The protection of the environment, of resources and of the climate obliges all international leaders to act jointly and to show a readiness to work in good faith, respecting the law and promoting solidarity with the weakest regions of the planet.”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (50)

“The brutal consumption of Creation begins where God is not, where matter is henceforth only material for us, where we ourselves are the ultimate demand, where the whole is merely our property and we consume it for ourselves alone...I think, therefore, that true and effective initiatives to prevent the waste and destruction of Creation can be implemented and developed, understood and lived, only where Creation is considered as beginning with God.”

Pope Benedict XVI, August 2008

“Obedience to the voice of the earth is more important for our future happiness than the voices of the moment, the desires of the moment. ... Existence itself, our earth, speaks to us, and we have to learn to listen.”

Pope Benedict XVI, July 2007

“Responses to global climate change should reflect our interdependence and common responsibility for the future of our planet.”

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good*, 2001

“We believe our response to climate change should be a sign of our respect for God's creation.”

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good*, 2001

“Global climate change is about the future of God's creation and the one human family. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those generations who will succeed us.”

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good*, 2001

“At its core, global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures. It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family.”

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good*, 2001

“We need to be especially aware of how those who have contributed least to the climate change will be impacted the most. In addition, those who are the most vulnerable, who have the least resources and capability to cope will often face the greatest threats and experience the greatest hardship.”

Most Rev. William S. Skylstad
Regis University February 2008

“There is a new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributed to human activities and that coming changes will effect all aspects of the environment and societal well-being, especially for the poor, the vulnerable and the generations yet unborn.”

Cardinal Renato Martino, Vatican Representative to the United Nations, 2001