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“I am so grateful that God sent Doug to speak at our campus! He immediately connected with the students through his kindness, wowed them with his poetry, and led them through a meaningful discussion. We all left praising God and filled with Hope for our Earth and humanity.”

Fr. Matt Buening
Chaplain, Towson University

“In his presentation at Saint Peter’s University during sustainability week, April 2017, Doug expressed his passion through meaningful poetry with a spiritual dimension. His enthusiasm for the subject was contagious as he shared visuals and experiences that have fueled his commitment to preserving our earthly dwelling for future generations.”

Eileen L. Poiani, Ph.D.
Chair, Sustainability Council, Saint Peter’s University

“Doug is one of the few Catholic speakers who can illustrate how Jesus’ teachings about love in interpersonal relationships also apply to our relationship with God’s creation. Doug’s multimedia presentation depicts the union of God and nature.”

Kathy Abbott
GreenFaith Fellow, St. Patrick Church, Chatham, NJ

Praised Be

Pope Francis’ Teaching in Spoken Word

The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

Psalm 24: 1

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For God brought things into being in order that God’s goodness might be communicated to creatures, and be represented by them; and ... God produced many and divine creatures that what was wanting to one in the representation of the divine goodness might be supplied by another.
St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica

Pope Francis: Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth. The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet’s capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes...
Laudato Si, par. 161

We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.
Laudato Si, par. 139