

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. The shapes are primarily triangles and polygons, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The central text is set against a white background that is partially framed by these green shapes.

Laudato Si' and the
U.S. Catholic Church
Love in Action

The Meaning of Love

- a. Do not harm the neighbor
- b. Prevent harm to the neighbor
- c. Remove harms to the neighbor
- d. Promote the good of the neighbor

“Creation is of the order of love. God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. ‘For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made; for you would not have made anything if you had hated it’ (Wisd 11:24). Every creature is thus the object of the Father’s tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection. St. Basil the Great described the Creator as ‘goodness without measure,’ while Dante Alighieri spoke of ‘the love which moves the sun and the stars’”

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Love - the highest good; why we are created; the greatest of the things that last; “God is Love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God in them.” (1Jn 4:16)

Charity - the expression of love in direct encounter; the immediate response to our neighbor’s need

Justice - the expression of love in societal life; the translation of love into structural or institutional vehicles of expression