

**July 11, 2014**

On Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> as we remember our day of fast and prayer, “We will work to eradicate violence against and abuse of the earth and its creatures. Through our responsible and appropriate use of all creation (Art. 24) we practice active stewardship and reverence for our planet.”

## **Pope Francis on Care for Creation**



### **Pope Francis' Audience**

**May 21, 2014**

#### ***REFLECTION THEMES:***

*Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.*

In his most powerful environment-themed address to date, Pope Francis issued a sober challenge during his audience in Rome . Pope Francis said: *We are losing the attitude of wonder, contemplation, listening to creation. The implications of living in a horizontal manner [is that] we have moved away from God, we no longer read His signs.*