



Preparing for Pope Francis's Encyclical:
Caring for Creation
and the Poorest Among Us

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As we remember our theme, **PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S CREATION**, on our day of fasting and prayer on Friday, December 11, 2015, we celebrate Pope Francis's Ecological Encyclical through a reflection that invites us to action as we care for creation and the poorest among us.

Pope Francis is gearing up to release his Papal Encyclical on the environment this summer. For more information see the October 11, 2015 document.



**“As stewards of God’s creation,
we are called to make the earth
a beautiful garden for the human family.”**

- Pope Francis, January 18, 2015

REFLECTION

- It is said that human beings have changed the natural environment so much that scientists describe our era as a period of time in which human actions is having a decisive impact on the environment. What are some of the ways we have endangered the earth and its inhabitants?
- Does human action that fails to respect nature have an effect on inequality and what Pope Francis describes as, “globalization of indifference” and “economics of exclusion” (*Evangeliu Gaudium*)?