



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 Monday, January 11, 2016, 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.



“...when we exploit Creation we destroy the sign of God's love for us, in destroying Creation we are saying to God: ‘I don't like it! This is not good!’ This is sin! Do you see?”

- Pope Francis, May 2015

REFLECTION

- How will Pope Francis' climate message challenge, not just climate skeptics, but all peoples of faith?
- In September, Pope Francis will travel to the U.S., where he'll address the U.N., as world leaders gather to agree a new set of goals that will define development work for the next fifteen years. He'll also travel to Washington D.C., where he'll become the first Pope ever to address the U.S. Congress. How will politicians in one of the world's richest countries react if they are asked to reject an "economy of exclusion" and heed Pope Francis' call to love and serve the poor?