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Laudato Si': A faith-based response to the environment

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LAUDATO SI'

ON THE CARE OF
OUR COMMON HOME



POPE FRANCIS



ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Who has read/
listened to Laudato
Si?

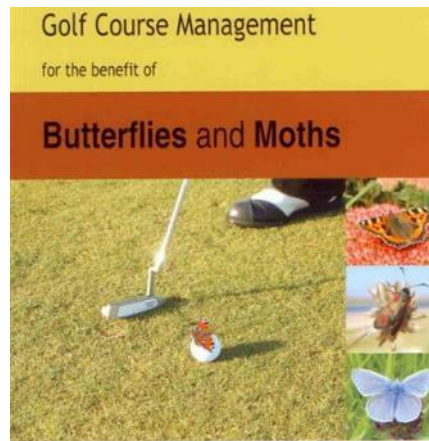
“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.” (LS#139)



Taking action?

Ecological conversion



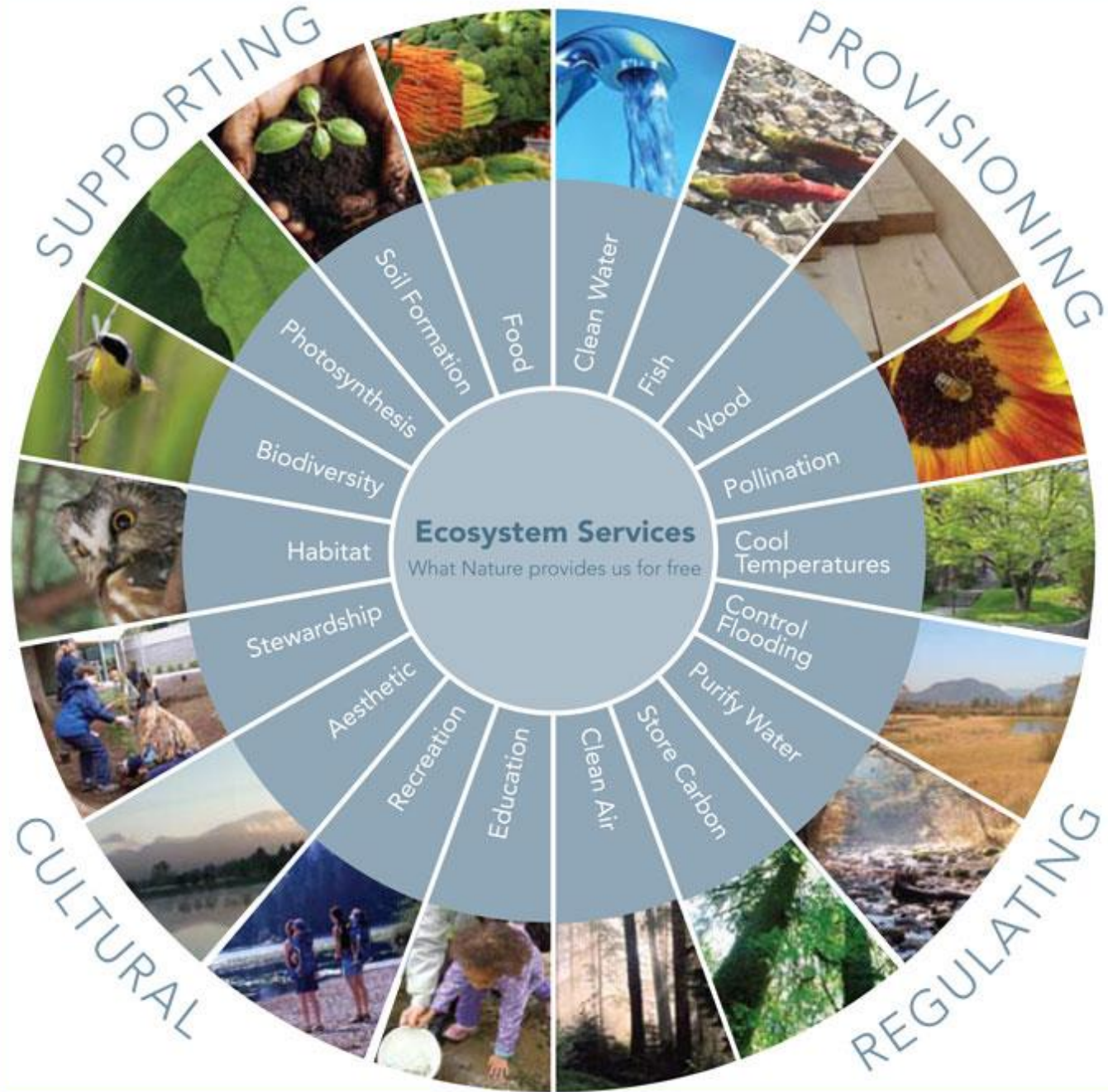


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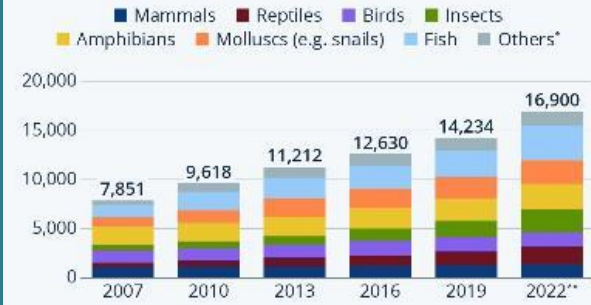
“the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor”
(LS#49)





The Number of Endangered Species is Rising

Number of animal species on the IUCN Red List, by class



* other invertebrate (spineless) animals, such as crustaceans, corals and arachnids (spiders, scorpions)

** preliminary

Source: IUCN Red List

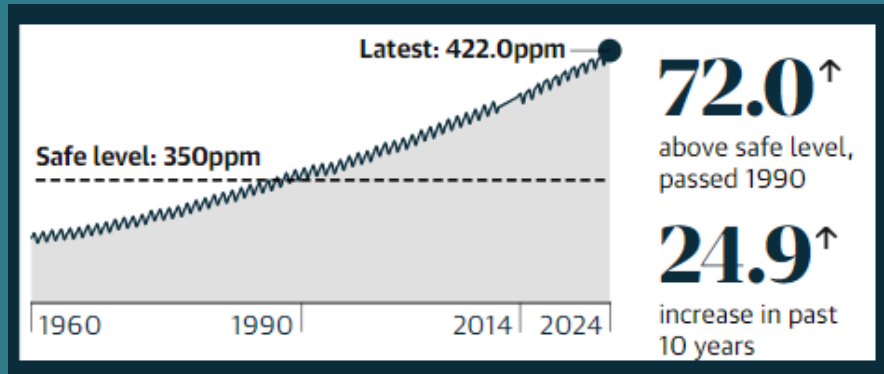


The most important number of the climate crisis:

422.0

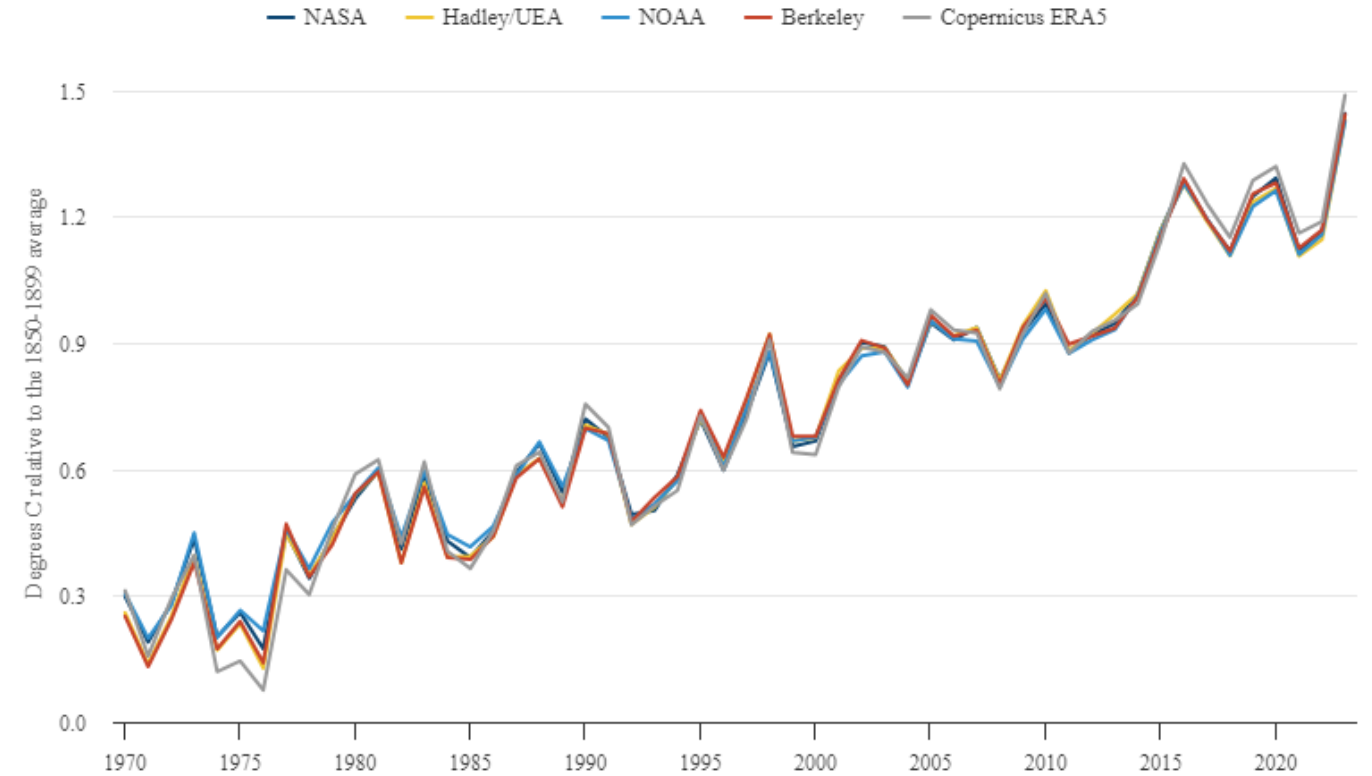
atmospheric CO₂ in parts per million **15 April 2024**

Source: NOAA. Chart baseline is 280ppm - the preindustrial average. Safe level a stabilisation scenario set out by IPCC. Label number is the trend, not cycle, value.



426.64ppm June 23rd

Global surface temperature records, 1970-2023



CarbonBrief
CLEAR ON CLIMATE

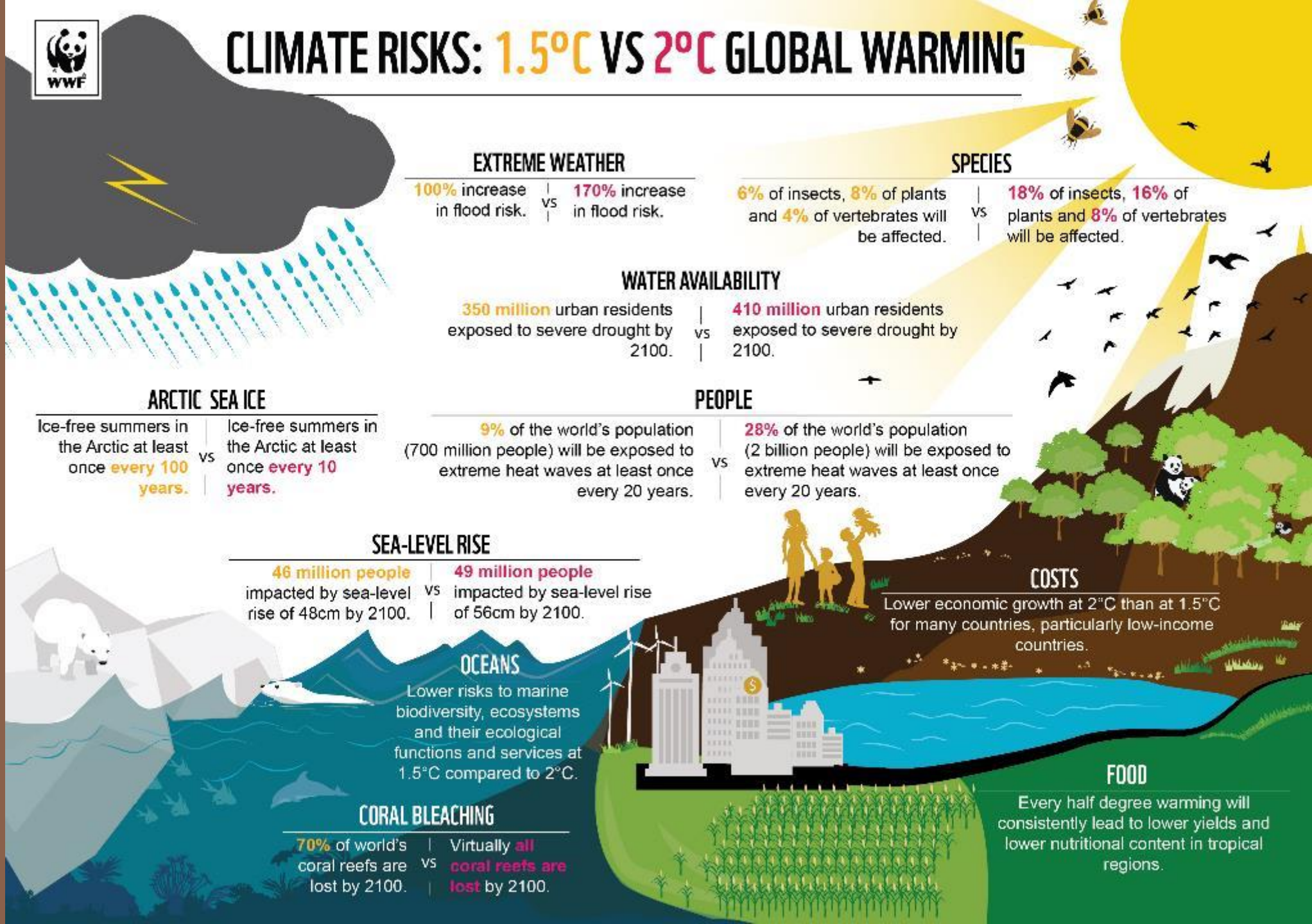
Annual global average surface temperatures as in the prior chart, but showing the period from 1970-2023. Chart by Carbon Brief.

CO₂ concentration in 1750 = 277ppm



CLIMATE RISKS: 1.5°C VS 2°C GLOBAL WARMING

Paris 2015
Paris
Agreement
signed to
restrict global
temperature
increases to
2°C and begin
efforts to limit
warming to
1.5°C.



Ecological justice



- Ecological crisis is likely to lead to inequalities within and across nations, and between current and future generations, so creating injustice.
- We do not want to widen inequalities – yet the ecological crisis will likely exacerbate inequitable social conditions

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ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS
Apostolic Exhortation

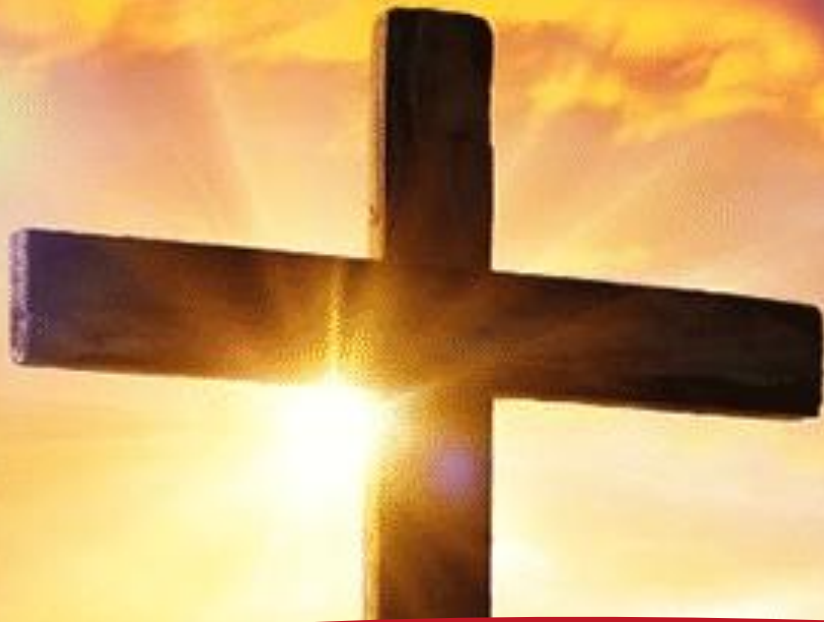
Urgency



CATHOLIC
TRUTH
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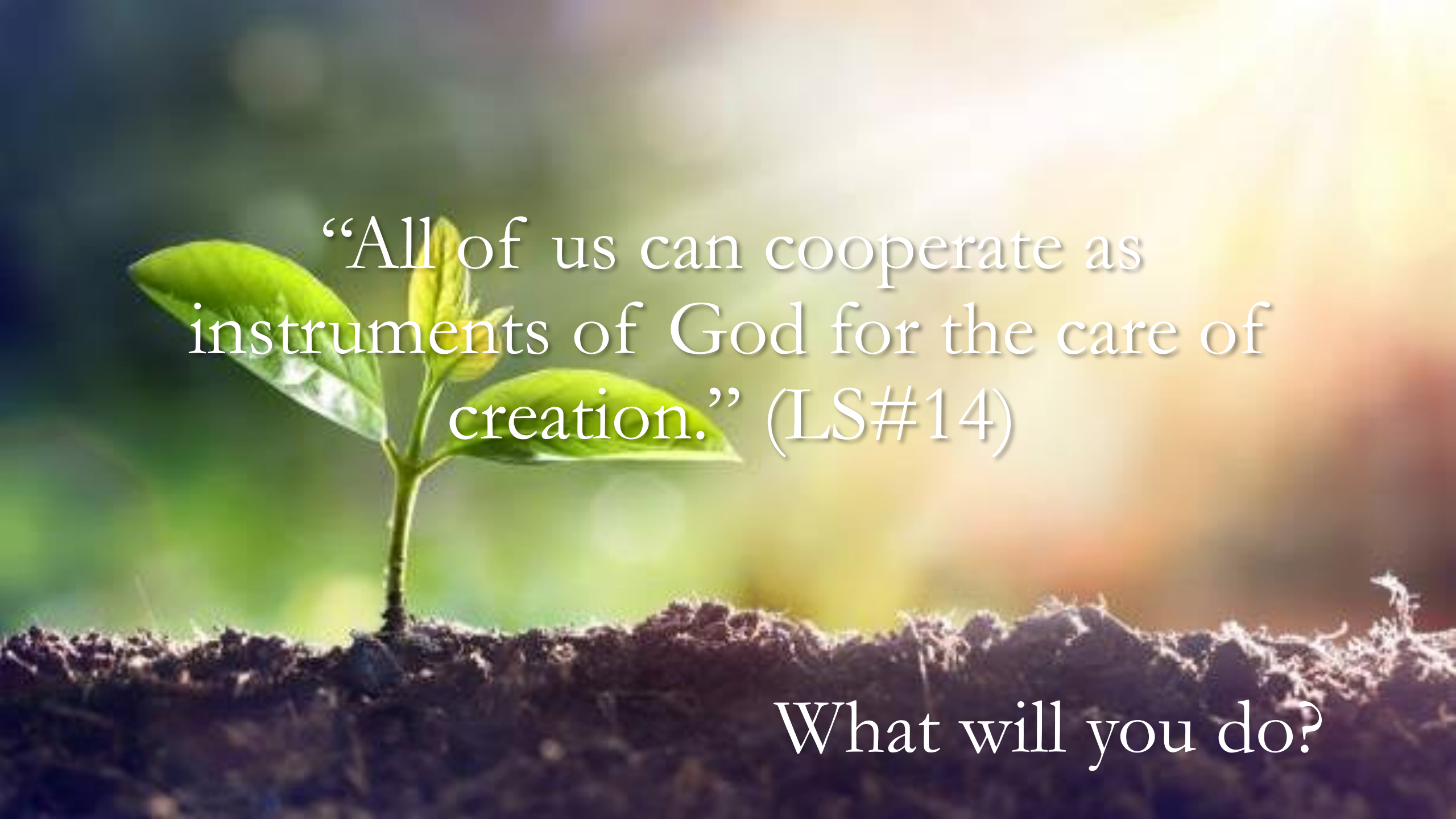
- Despite the gravity and urgency of the ecological crisis, Pope Francis reminds us that we must continue to hope
- ... because to “say there is nothing to hope for... would mean exposing humanity, especially the poorest, to the worst impacts of climate change.”
(LD#54)



Interconnected crises — interconnected response



Laudato Si' goals: Provide a joined-up approach to care for creation, centred on faith.

A small green seedling with two leaves growing out of dark soil, with a bright sun in the background.

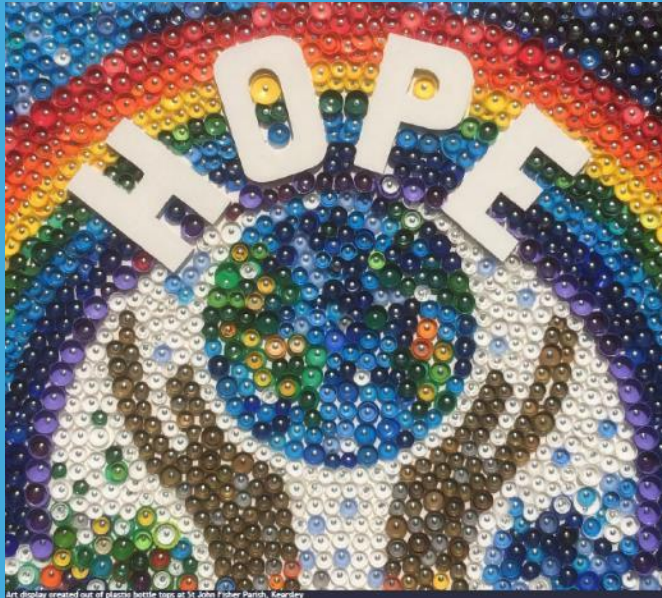
“All of us can cooperate as
instruments of God for the care of
creation.” (LS#14)

What will you do?

- “Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.” (LS#13)
- “...their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith.” (LS#64)



Diocese of Salford's faith-based response



Hearing the Cry: *Responding with Hope*

*Working together as one diocese united towards
creating transformative change and healing for our
common home*

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We, the Diocese of Salford, commit to
transformational change and will take restorative
regenerative actions to tackle the ecological
crisis.

We will do this by:

Getting our
own house in
order

Providing guidance,
tools, and
sharing best
practice

Working with
others

Measuring
and
reporting



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*A statement of hope - rooted in the belief
that we can make a difference*



To provide the tools and learning needed to enable all to...

- hear and respond to the cry of the earth and cry of the people, *provoking an ecological conversion*.
- hear and respond *in hope* to the cry of the earth and cry of the people.

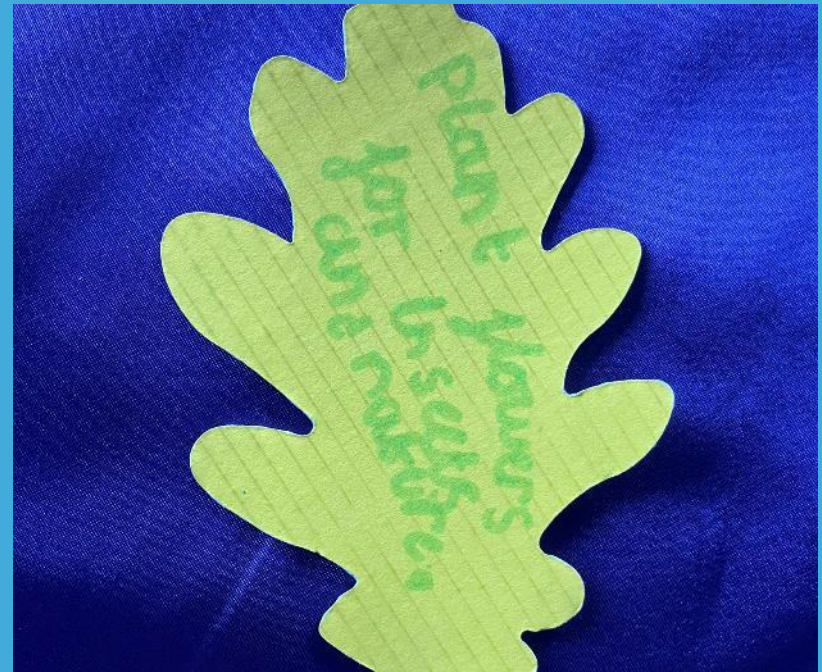


Learning

Spirituality

Wellbeing







Parish Tours

School visits

Governor training

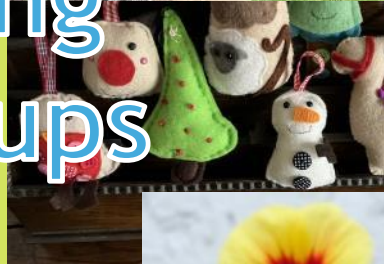
Community groups

Retreats

Stations of
the Cross

Prayer workshops

Rosary in the
woodland



Outreach
Deanery
conference
Assemblies
Schools
Parishes

2024: 1,600 people

Groups	Numbers
Parishes	113
Schools	644
Community Groups	747
Visitors / Volunteers / corporate groups	96
Total:	1,600



Feedback:

- The children were engaged, and it gave them lots of ideas. The session was fantastic and so supportive for both the children and myself. The children were very inspired, and it was lovely to see.
- We can use a daisy to help us pray. It represents Jesus. He is the sun, the yellow section in the middle of the daisy and we are all the petals surrounding Jesus.
- This is the best trip we have ever taken them on.
- I don't want to leave!
- Appreciate the outside so much more than before.
- I will definitely spend more time and interest in the forest and skills that I learned by passing them to my grandchildren.



The mere fact that personal, family and
community habits are changing is contributing
... we are helping to bring about large
processes of transformation

(LD#71)



A lush green forest scene with moss-covered tree trunks and dense foliage. The image is a full-page background with a dense forest. In the foreground, a large tree trunk is covered in thick green moss and has several thick, gnarled branches extending outwards. The background is filled with a dense canopy of green leaves and more trees, creating a sense of depth and a vibrant, natural environment. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of a forest interior.

It is up to us to take action

“For, in the end, we are responsible not only for what we do, but also, and above all, for what we can do, and yet choose not to do.” Pope Francis



Thank you

“Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.” (LS#12)

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