







"The effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ...



...becomes evident in our relationship with the world around us"

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 217

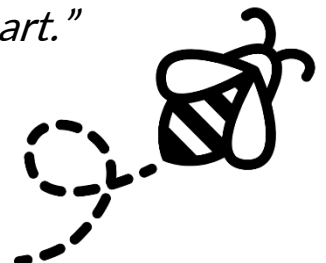
• BIODIVERSITY •

-  25% of all marine life depend on the biodiversity of coral reefs, 32% of coral reef could be lost by 2035ⁱ
-  Between 50,000 and 80,000 plants are used for our medicines
-  Between 0.01 and 0.1% of all species (animals & plants) will become extinct each year (between 200 and 2,000 extinctions)ⁱⁱ
-  Every hour 300 football fields of forest is being destroyed across Southeast Asia to make way for palm oil plantations
-  Bees pollinate one or more cultivars of over 66% of the world's crop species and contribute to one third of the food we eat
-  Nearly one in 10 wild bee species face extinction in Europe while the status of more than half remains unknownⁱⁱⁱ

"We must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart."

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
A New Earth - The Environmental Challenge (2002)

- caring for creation -



• STANDING FOR CHANGE •

When You Shop:

- ✓ Does what you are buying harm biodiversity?
- ✓ Does it contain palm oil?
- ✓ Are there alternatives you could purchase instead?

At Home:

- ✓ Cook fresh instead of using ready meals
- ✓ Cook veggie one night a week
- ✓ Turn a part of your garden into a sanctuary for bees & other creatures
- ✓ Teach your children the importance of caring for our common home.

In the Parish:

- ✓ Tell someone what you are doing & encourage them to join in
- ✓ Are there any areas in the parish that could help local biodiversity?

• FIND OUT MORE •

<https://www.rainforest-rescue.org/topics/palm-oil#start>

<https://seasonalight.com/2014/10/20/10-things-we-all-can-do-to-help-biodiversity/>

<https://www.naturetrust.bc.ca/conserving-land/what-can-we-do>

https://www.pnas.org/content/105/Supplement_1/11571

<https://www.iucn.org/content/nearly-one-10-wild-bee-species-face-extinction-europe-while-status-more-half-remains-unknown-iucn-report>

ⁱ <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/features/Coral>

ⁱⁱ https://wwf.panda.org/discover/our_focus/biodiversity/biodiversity/

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.iucn.org/>

