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Subsidiarity

Every person has the right to participate in and contribute to decisions that affect their lives. We respect the capacity and abilities of each person. The people closest and most affected by the issues and concerns need to be part of the decision process.

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



5th Anniversary of Laudato Si On Care for Our Common Home

“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. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.”

“Interdependence obliges us to think of *one world with a common plan*. ... A global consensus is essential for confronting deeper problems which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of the individual countries.”

Pope Francis LS 139/164



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