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**BATS AND BIRDS
AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH
OUR ENVIRONMENT**

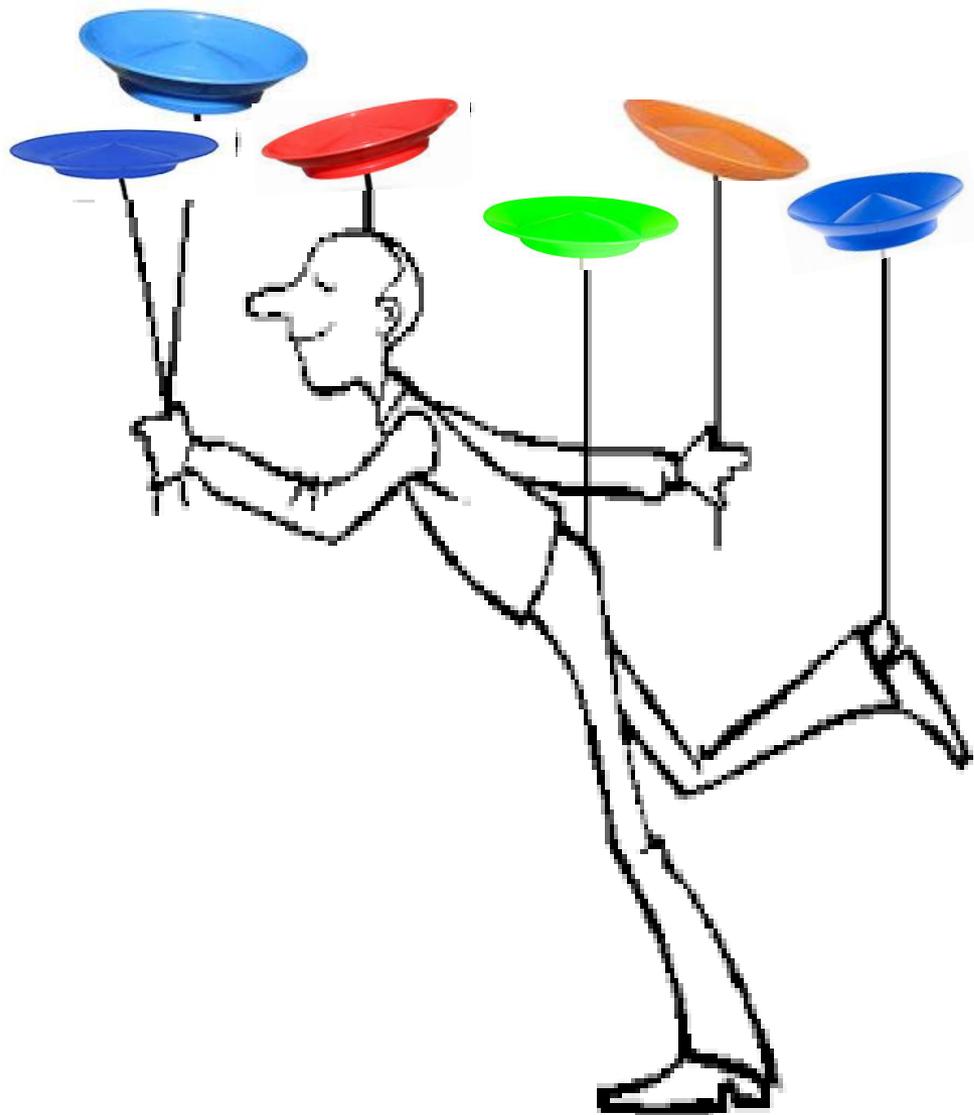


Steve Burrowes

Wednesday 13th June

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“I’d be delighted to come and give a talk !
What do you want me to talk about, Anthony ?

Live Simply

Laudato Si

CAFOD

Hope in the Future

Evangelii Gaudium

B.O.B. boxes

45 minutes !





Live Simply



Laudato Si



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**Hope in the
Future**

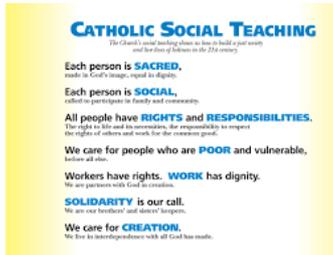


**Evangelii
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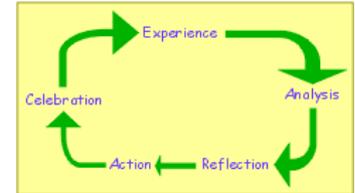
Catholic Social Teaching



Christ & the scriptures



The pastoral cycle



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Just one world

**Give
Act
Pray**

What inspires us ?

What I see

The people I meet

What I hear

Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and lives of holiness in the 21st century

Each person is **SACRED**
made in God's image, equal in dignity.

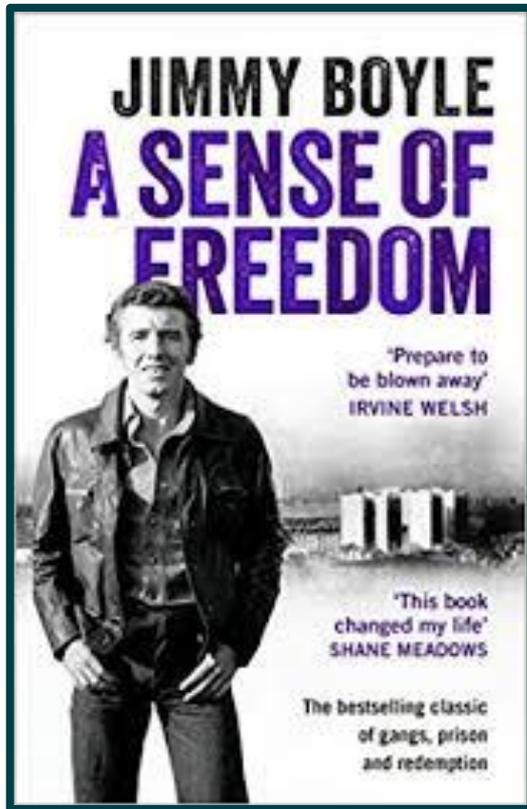
Each person is **SOCIAL**
called to participate in family and community.

All people have **RIGHTS** and **RESPONSIBILITIES**.
The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good

We care for people who are **POOR** and **VULNERABLE**
before all else.

Workers have **RIGHTS** and work has **DIGNITY**
We are partners, with God, in creation.

We care for **CREATION**.
We live in interdependence with all God has made.

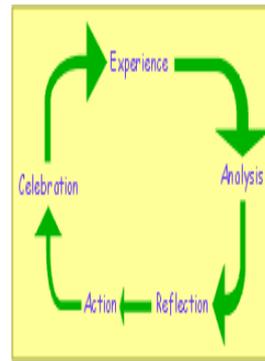
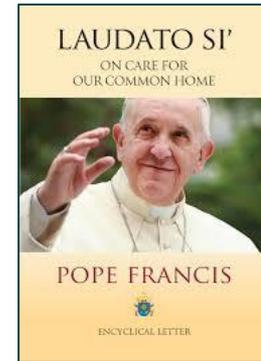
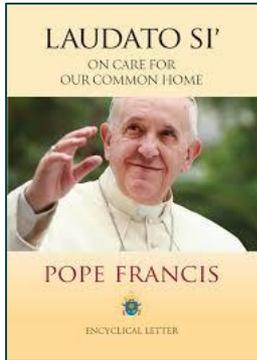
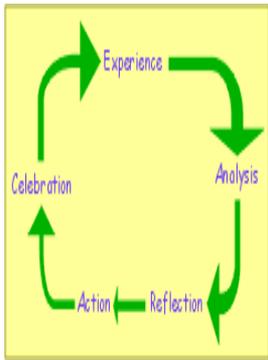


In a strange sort of way, despite everything I went through, it made me who I am today : a good person who is deeply sorry for anyone I may have hurt in my life.

Now, at seventy-one years old, I ask myself, what was all that about ?

All that violence, theft, anger and hatred for territorial or material gain, when in fact none of us own anything.

In life we are passing through, guardians of what we have, certainly not owners.

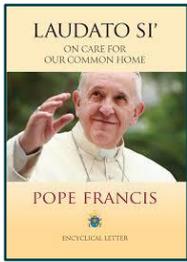


What kind of world do we want to leave those who come after us ?

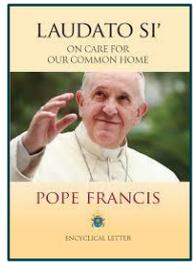
What is the purpose of our life in this world ?

What is the goal of our work and all our efforts ?

What need does the earth have of us ?



What strikes me about 'Laudato Si' ?



Joined up thinking

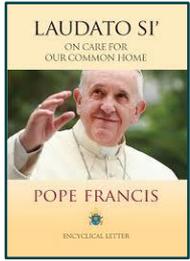
Inter-connections

Develops Pope John Paul II's call for "ecological conversion"

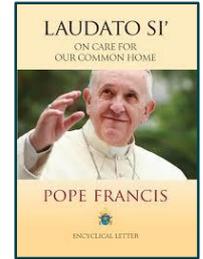
.... change of direction

.... caring for our common home

.... complex world but a clear message of hope



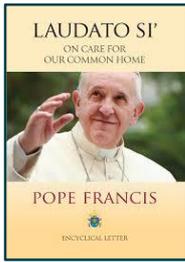
Messages of hope



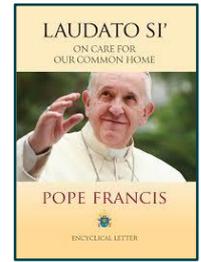
Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.

Men and women are still capable of intervening positively.

Human beings are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start.



A 'new way' forward



Human, social, economic and environmental problems call for a faith-based response

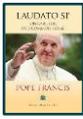
Inter-connected problems

We cannot try to tackle poverty without caring for the earth.
We cannot care for the earth without caring for the people who live on it.

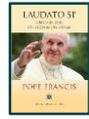
Integral-human development

Integral-ecology

Sustainable development



Integral Human Development



A life with dignity

Where people are able to access basic services and are included in social, political and economic life – empowering people to make changes in their own lives

Just and peaceful relationships

By addressing power, equity and conflict issues people can feel safe within their family community and actively engage in community activities.

Sustained economic wellbeing and resilience

Where people have access to resources necessary for life for themselves and their families.

Influence and independence

By improving the ability to access information and resources people should be able to influence attitudes and decisions that affect their lives.



Fr Augusto Zampini Davies

CAFOD Theology adviser

Vatican : Dicastry for Promoting Integral Human Development

ex – Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

" The poor are impacted most by climate change, yet they have done the least to contribute to it. We must convert and change our lifestyles and help others cope with the climate change we've caused."

GLOBAL HEALING

How faith helps
us care for our
common home



A FREE FILM RESOURCE

Global Healing is a film-based event for parishes, groups and individuals. It will inform, challenge and equip people to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to *Care For Our Common Home*.



// Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation. //

The Global Healing event begins with a shared meal followed by film clips including well-known experts, engaging testimonies and on-location filming from around the UK. There are times for discussion & prayer to help stir deeper ecological conversion and fresh practical responses.

Bonus material will be available to create a short course (ideal as an **Advent course**). The film clips are available as **free downloads** but **DVD copies** can be inexpensively purchased if needed. There are also downloadable **posters, fliers, newsletter info** and **leaders guides** with numerous **next step** links for deeper reflection & action.

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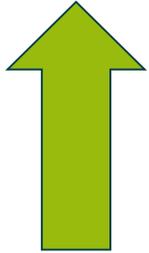


// There is no doubt that we are doing great damage to our planet – our common home. Pope Francis calls on all of us to respond and this CaFE filmed resource will help us do that together in our communities & families, for the sake of future generations. //

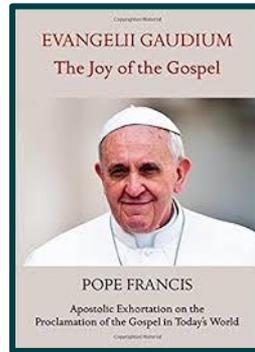
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Pope Francis' exhortations and the Pastoral Cycle

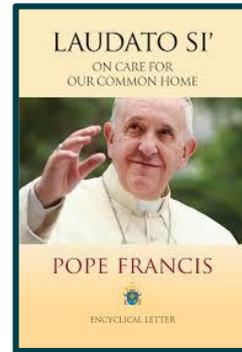
Celebrate



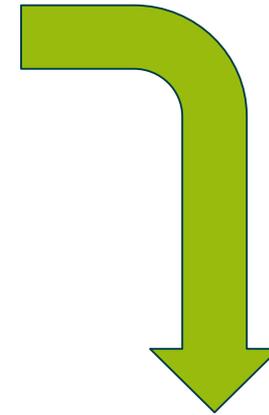
Experience



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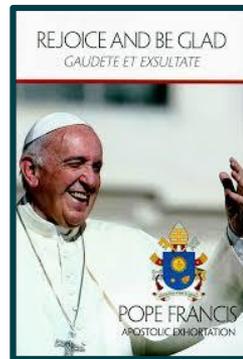


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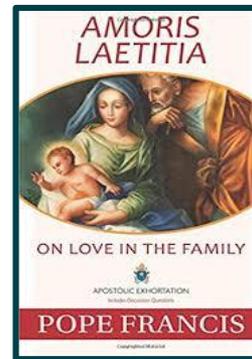


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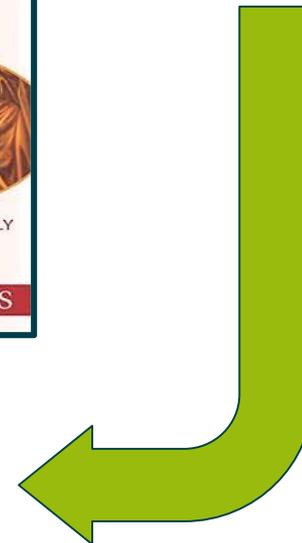
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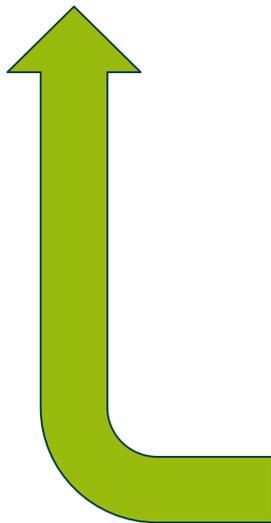
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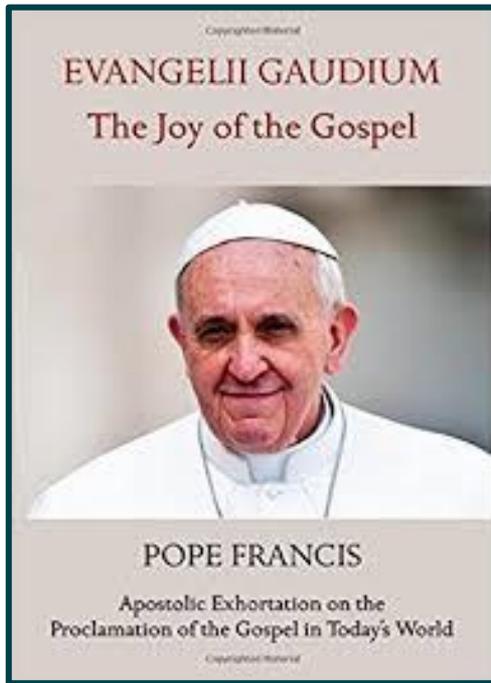
2016



Reflection



The same message ... from different perspectives



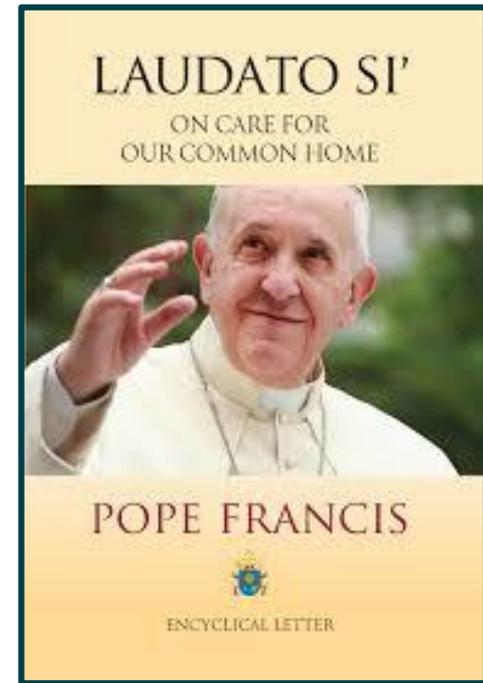
“ .. embark on a new chapter of evangelisation..”

..missionary disciples..

Think

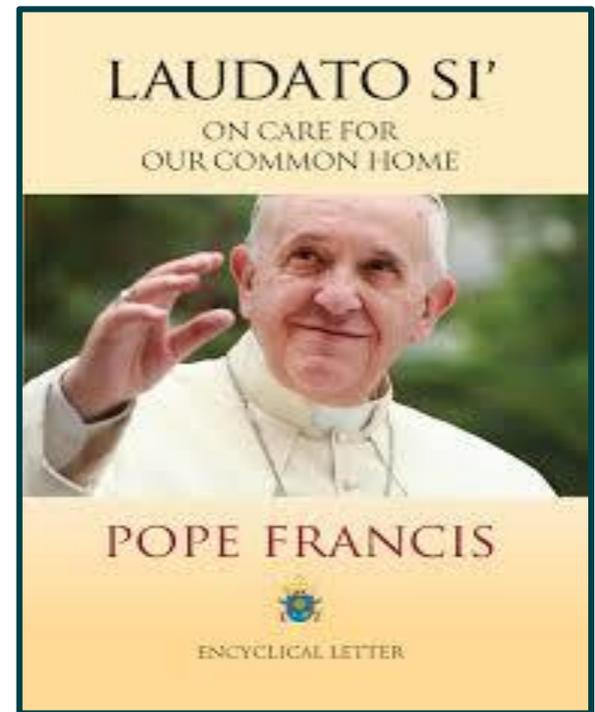
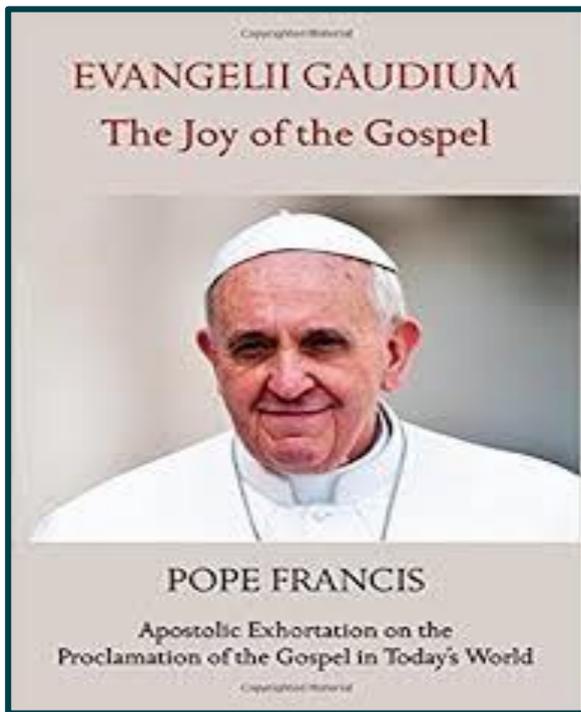
Pray

ACT



“ .. urgent appeal for a new dialogue..”

..care for our common home..



“ We are called to find Christ in the poor, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them ...”

“ A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...”

What actions can we take ?

Micro

In ourselves and
in our own lives

In our local
community

Macro

..regional

...national

...international

♪ Do what's good for you or your not good for anybody.... ♪

♪ I can't change the world but I can change the world in me ♪

Positive actions with CAFOD

.local



Become an MP correspondent

..regional



Become a 'Live Simply' parish

...national and international



Become involved in CAFOD campaigns and advocacy work



2000 : Jubilee petition



2005 : Make Poverty History



2007 : Unearth Justice



2008 : Climate Change Act



2013 : G8 – 0.7%



2013 : Hungry for Change



2015 : Paris climate deal



2017 : Ficamaua eviction



2017 : Power to Be



Did you join our Power to be campaign calling for affordable, local energy for the poorest - #renewableenergy that doesn't damage our earth? Your voice has been heard! Melanie Robinson, the UK's representative at the @WorldBank has this message for you #WorldEnvironmentDay

“Without reliable access to electricity, entrepreneurs find it harder to set up small businesses and create jobs. Electricity is also crucial for communities, to provide light for children to study at night and to refrigerate vaccines in health facilities.

It's great to see so many people in England and Wales supporting efforts to bring power to people without access to electricity and I was pleased to understand more about CAFOD's Power to be campaign.

Making sure everyone has access to electricity is essential for helping the world's poorest communities to develop and I look forward to continuing to discuss the importance of this with colleagues at the World Bank”

4:31 am - 5 Jun 2018

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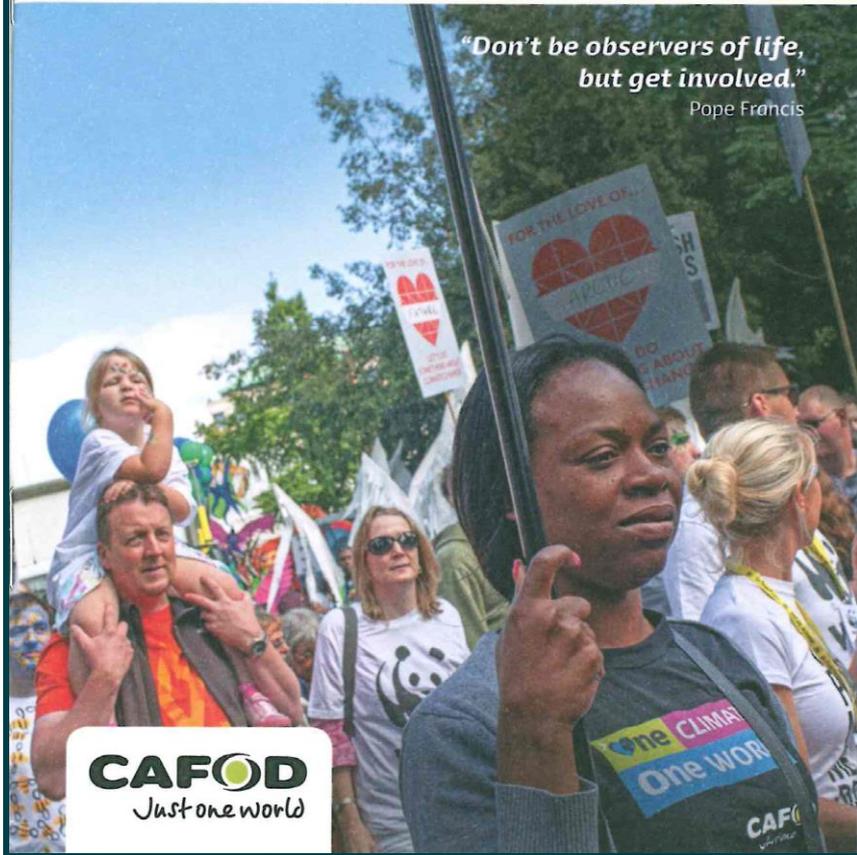


>How to

CAMPAIGN WITH CAFOD

*"Don't be observers of life,
but get involved."*

Pope Francis



MP Correspondent

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO **CONNECT**
THE POOR TO
THE POWERFUL



Your local MP is your link to parliament. They have a say over decisions which affect the lives of the world's poorest people.

As a CAFOD MP Correspondent, we'll ask you to write to your MP around three times a year on issues where you can make change happen. Join our network and we'll support you with a starter pack and briefings to help you change the structures that keep people in poverty.



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'Livesimply' began in about 2006, in the run up to the anniversary of 'Popolorum Progressio'.

The 'Livesimply' principles of living simply, sustainably and in solidarity were drawn up by a group of theologians, for CAFOD.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE Livesimply award

Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* invites us all to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us." (#242)

The *livesimply award* is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to that invitation.

The award invites groups to celebrate how they already live simply and gives them the focus and inspiration to go further.

The award can help you build community by bringing together different groups under a common vision. It can help you save money through conserving energy and water. It can help you develop relationships with other churches and groups outside the church. It can help you to live, not just more simply, but also more fully.

"We are right to repeat again and again the straightforward appeal: 'Live simply so that others may simply live.'"
Cardinal Vincent Nichols

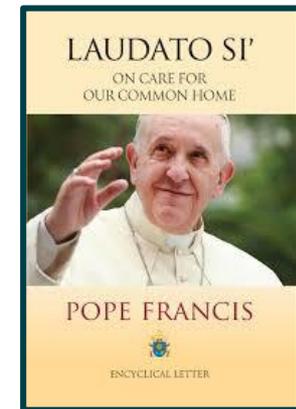
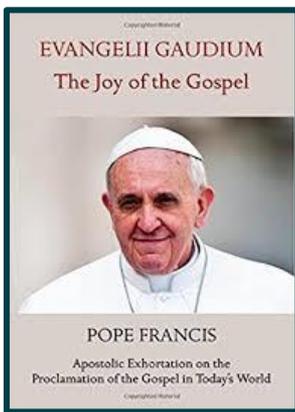


Plan for action



Following the presentations, Mark Wiggin invited those present to generate ideas which were then presented to the group:

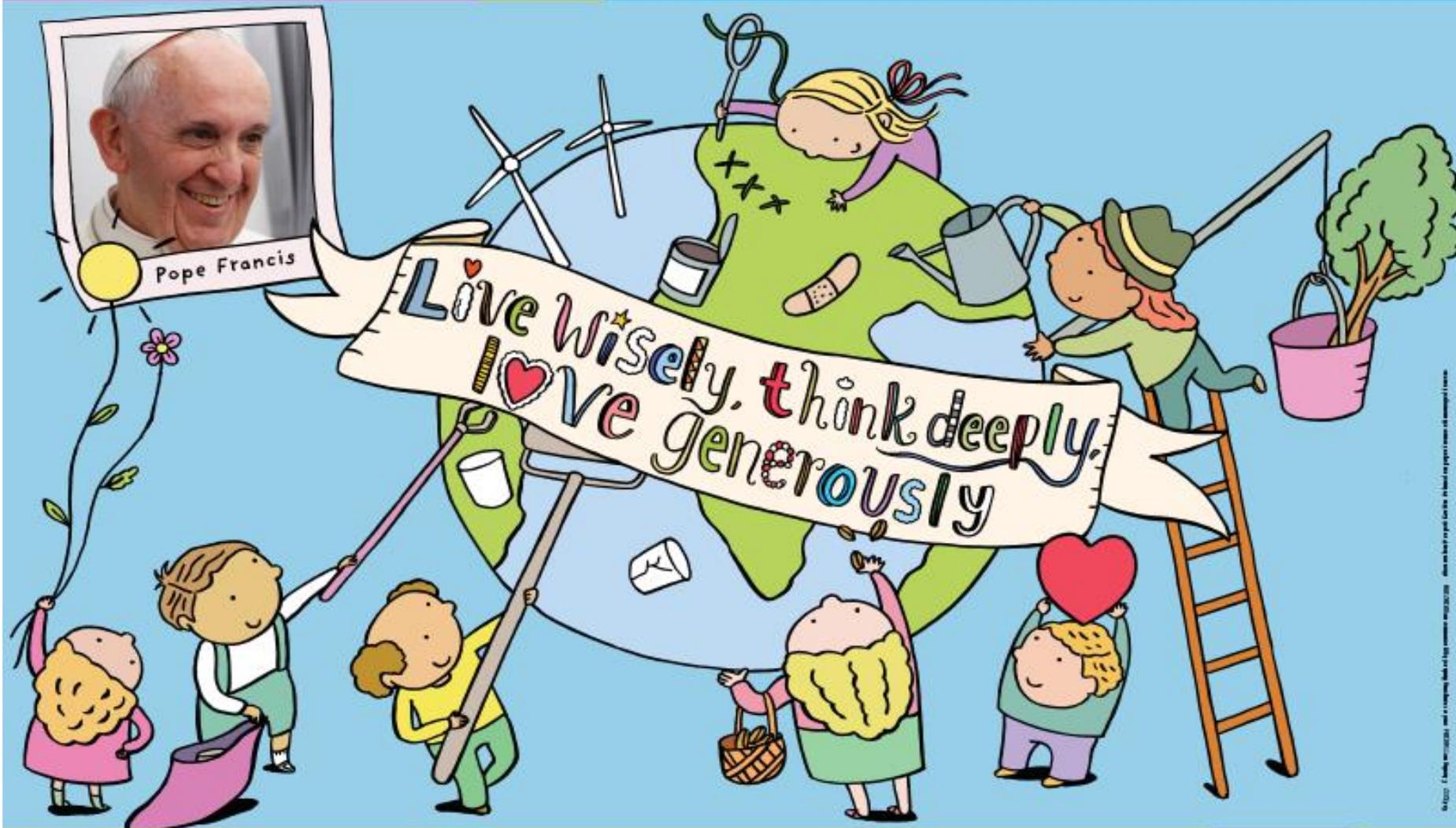
- Have a launch and a programme of activities published so the whole parish can get involved
- Book the Old School Rooms every month on a Wednesday to develop and promote our ideas
- A parish audit of what we are already doing
- Improve communications internally so that everybody can be aware of what we are doing and how they can contribute
- Joe's Invitation to continue our journey at Lee House
- Spiritual events and a liturgy to reflect what we can do to live more simply e.g. outdoor Masses and a Stations of the Cross walk over Pendle Hill
- Community activities – environmentally focused outings, presentations with invited speakers
- Knitting/craft days
- Grow vegetables for the foodbank
- **Plant seeds and trees and place Bob Boxes**
- Share our facilities with refugees
- Work with other churches and faiths in Clitheroe
- There will be a Spring Happening of fun for all the family in the Parish on May 20th, at St Michael and St John's Secret Garden and Assembly Hall, to include our Parish, friends, local communities, playgroups, primary and high schools. There will be stalls, crafts, demonstrations, refreshments and lots more.
- There will be a Justice and Peace presence at the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September 2018. Steve Atherton is delighted to invite our northern environment group to get involved in the fringe event called 'On the Altar of the World' on Saturday 8th from 10.00 – 18.00 at St Philip Neri, the Catholic chaplaincy to the university. This is a large venue in the student quarter, very near to the cathedral (near the Philharmonic for those who know Liverpool.) The building can accommodate large numbers as well as smaller, more intimate groups. It has a large open space with versatile seating arrangements and easy access to comfortable rooms and a kitchen. The Northern Diocese Environmental group representing their Diocese J+P organisations will host an environmental event there with the themes yet to be agreed.



“..Active participation in both
prayer and action.”

“If we were all to undertake just one
task in our parishes we would transform
the witness we give and make a difference
to the lives of so many people.”

Laudato Si' CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



HOW CAN WE CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD?

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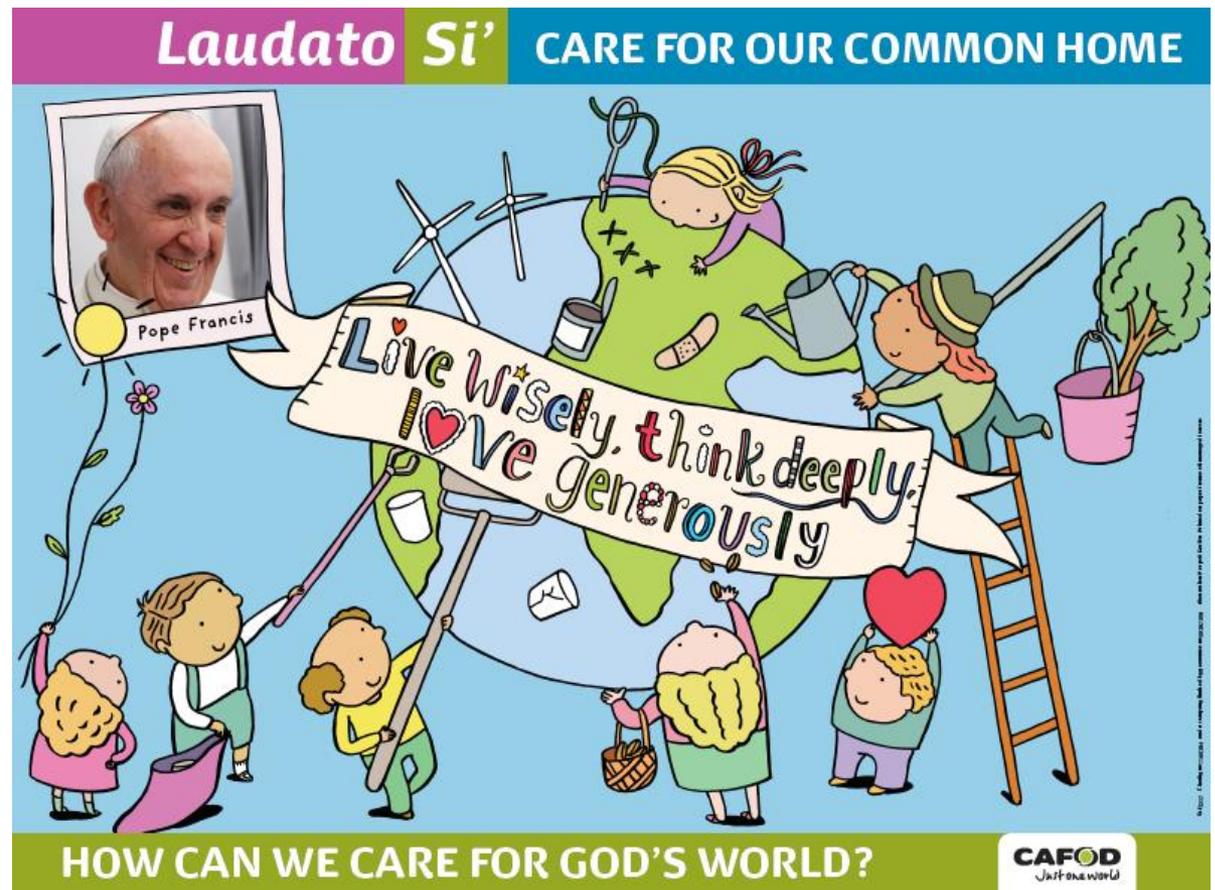
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**Pope Francis
asks us to do
3 things:**

Live wisely.

Think deeply.

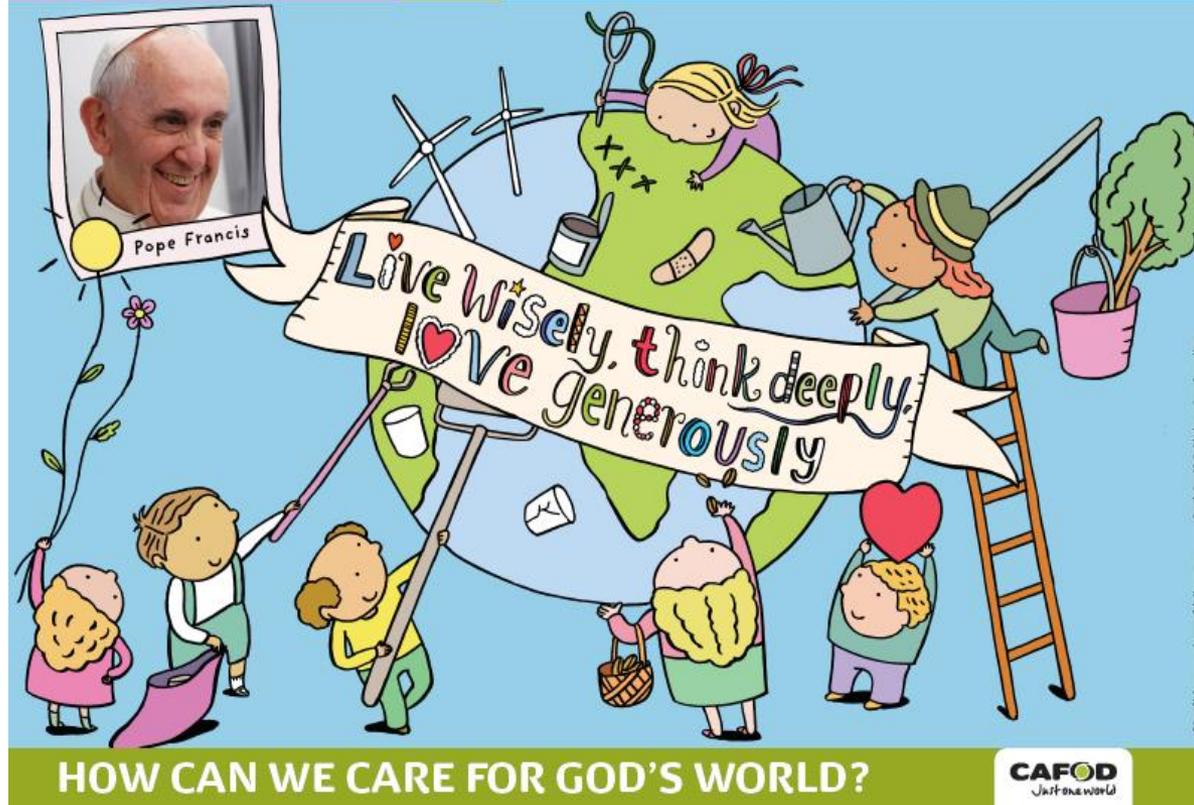
**Love
generously.**



Live wisely.

What does he mean ?

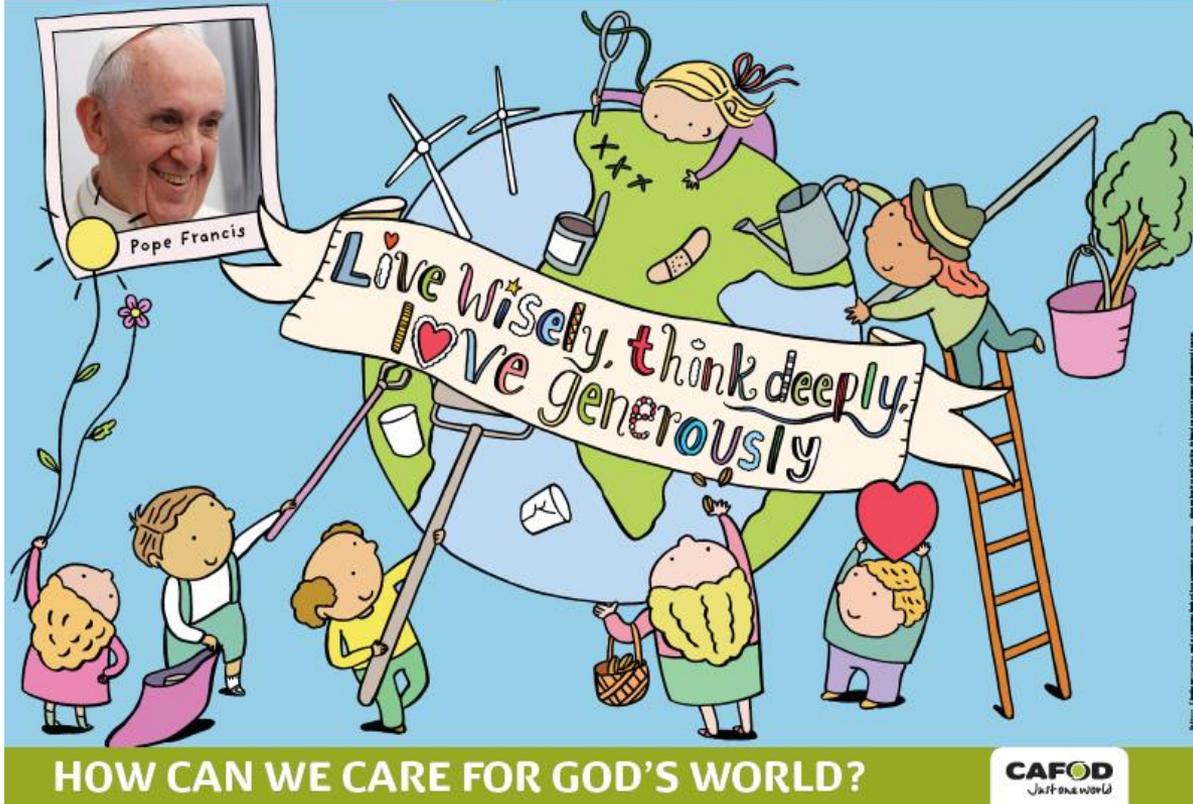
Laudato Si' CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Think deeply.

What does he mean ?

Laudato Si' CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Love generously.

What does he mean ?



A practical response to
'Laudato Si'

"..listening to the
the cry of the earth
and the cry of the
poor..."

The advertisement is set against a light blue background. At the top, a cartoon illustration shows a globe with children and a Pope (Pope Francis) holding a banner that reads "Live wisely, think deeply, love generously". Below this is the "BOB BOX" logo with "BAT OR BIRD" underneath. The text "AVAILABLE NOW" is written in large, bold, red letters, followed by "A SIMPLE, UNIQUE, DUAL PURPOSE BIRD NESTING AND BAT ROOSTING BOX" in smaller black text. A photograph of a wooden BOB BOX is shown, featuring a bat silhouette and the "BOB BOX" text. To the right, a green circle contains the text "ONLY £10". At the bottom, a quote reads: "a practical response to 'Laudato Si', enabling CAFOD to 'help people help themselves ...'". Logos for CAFOD, Laudato Si, and the University of Salford are also present, along with the email address "salford@cafod.org.uk".



..”and by buying the boxes we provide much needed funds to help the poorest of people to have clean water and build sustainable livelihoods for themselves...”



£ 10 donation

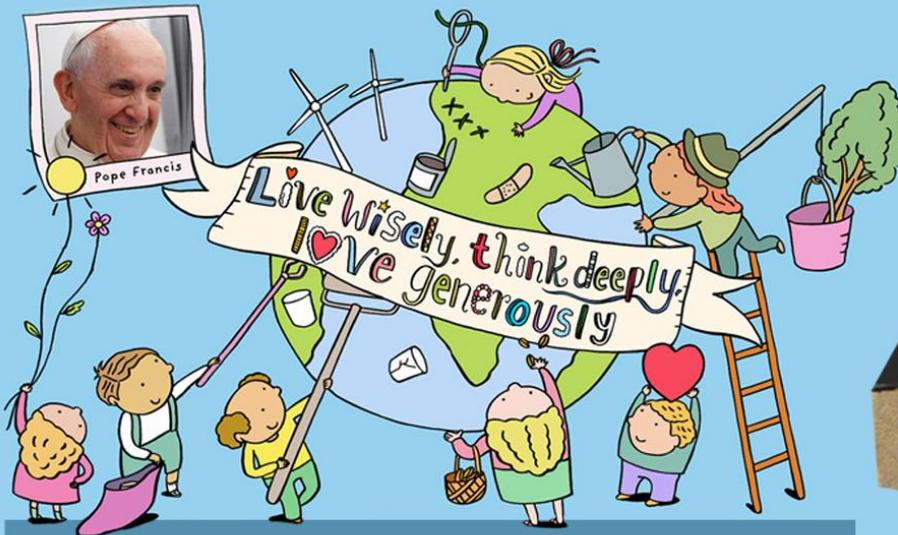


returns to the project to keep it self-sustaining

ordering more materials

to be spent on






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CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

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In “Laudato Si”, the letter of Pope Francis to us all, he talks about our “care for our common home”. We have to look after our world and all the creatures in it, just as we are to look after each other and never forget or ignore the needs of the people in the poorest countries of the world.

The B.O.B. boxes give us a real opportunity to connect with nature, by helping endangered birds and bats that are so important to our local environment

And by buying the boxes we provide much needed funds to help the poorest of people to have clean water and build sustainable livelihoods for themselves

**The B.O.B. box is local.
It’s impact will be global !**

WHY WE'RE IN THE SIXTH GREAT EXTINCTION AND WHAT IT MEANS TO HUMANITY

Partha S. Dasgupta and Paul R. Ehrlich
February 2017



Presented at a joint meeting of the Pontifical Academy of Science and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, on Biological Extinction, held in March 2017)



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Final communiqué of the seminar "Biological extinction. How to save the natural world on which we depend", 02.03.2017

This morning in the Holy See Press Office a press conference was held to conclude the seminar on the theme "Biological extinction. How to save the natural world on which we depend", organised by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in the Vatican's Casina Pio IV from 27 February to 1 March.

The speakers were Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, and Professors Werner Arber, president of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Peter Hamilton Raven, academic of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and Partha Sarathi Dasgupta, academic of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.

The following is the full text of the seminar's final communiqué:

A study week was convened at the Casina Pio IV in the Vatican on February 27-March 1, 2017, by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences to review what we know about biological extinction, its causes and the ways in which we might limit its extent. The participants concluded, based on comparisons with the fossil record, that the current rate of loss of species is approximately 1,000 times the historical rate, with perhaps a quarter of all species in danger of extinction now and as many as half of them may be gone by the end of the present century. Since we depend on living organisms for the functioning of our planet, our food, many of our medicines and other materials, waste absorption and the mediation of our climate, and for much of the beauty of the earth, these losses will inflict incalculable damage on our common prospects unless we control them. We have discovered and described less than one fifth of the species that are estimated to exist, and so we're throwing away unknown potential and threatening the basic functioning of our planet.

Prior to the development of agriculture some 10,000 years ago, human beings lived as bands of a few dozen individuals for whom survival was an all-encompassing challenge. At that time, there were perhaps one million of us living in the entire world. As our numbers grew, however, we began to form the villages, towns, and cities in which our civilization was developed. A third of the earth was gradually converted to agriculture. By two hundred years ago, we had grown to one billion people for the first time, and then to two billion in 1930 and shooting upward to the 7.4 billion of today. Since 1950, world GDP has grown 15 times while the world population has tripled. This five-fold increase in per capita income has brought huge gains to the contemporary human condition.

Aside from threatening millions of species with extinction, this enormous increase in economic activity based on profit and on the use of fossil fuels is putting huge strains on the earth's capacity to function sustainably. The most obvious associated signs include global climate change and the concomitant damages to the earth's system that it brings in its wake, such as sea level rise as well as ocean acidification and anoxia, these feeding back on biological extinction directly.

The human population of earth is marked by vast economic inequality. Thus the richest 15% of the world's people use well over half of the world's resources as measured by their consumption. Per capita income of the richest 1.4 billion people averages \$41,000; in sharp contrast, the poorest 1 billion people, in Sub-Saharan Africa, have an average income of \$3,300. The wealthy are thus substantially responsible for the increase in global warming and, consequently, the decrease in biodiversity. The poorest people, who do not enjoy the benefits of fossil fuels, are indirectly responsible for deforestation and some destruction of biodiversity, because their actions take place within a world economic system dominated by demands made by the wealthy, who have much higher overall consumption levels without paying any externalities to conserve global biodiversity.

Just as human activities are responsible for these negative effects, today we need positive human action for the sustainable development of biodiversity.

An inescapable condition for attaining global sustainability is wealth redistribution, because high levels of consumption anywhere have impacts worldwide in degrading the functioning of earth systems and destroying biodiversity. Ending extreme poverty, which would cost about \$175 billion or less than 1% of the combined income of the richest countries in the world, is one major route to protecting our global environment and saving as much biodiversity as possible for the future. This can be accomplished in individual poor regions. In the sea, the establishment of large protected marine reserves is another important element in the preservation of overall biological productivity. To accomplish this, we must follow the conciliatory moral principles outlined so well in the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* that formed the inspiration for our meeting.

The formation of intensive agricultural systems, when carried out properly through crop rotation and incorporation of livestock and reinvesting profits in regional economies, in suitable regions is an important part of the strategy for protecting biodiversity, because concentrated productivity enables the sustainable development of other regions, conserving biodiversity, as is taking place in the Amazon. Regarding modern genetic methods, as Pope Francis pointed out, "This is a complex environmental issue; it calls for a comprehensive approach which would require, at the very least, greater efforts to finance various lines of independent, interdisciplinary research capable of shedding new light on the problem". It will also be important to think carefully about the best possible design for the cities of the future, where a large majority of the world's people will soon be living, whose peripheries must enjoy the same benefits of the city centers.

We concluded our meeting in the spirit of Pope Francis' eloquent words in his Encyclical *Laudato Si'* and we left resolved to seek new ways of working together to build a sustainable, stable, and socially just world. The human race has experienced severe local collapse in the past, but now we are threatened on a global level. To solve our common dilemma, we must learn to love one another, to collaborate and to build bridges throughout the world to a degree that has not been imagined previously.

- The Pope meets the clergy of his diocese in the Basilica of St. John Lateran
- Other Pontifical Acts

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Thu 12/04/2018 15:25

Partha Dasgupta <pd10000@cam.ac.uk>

Re: In grateful thanks

To  Stephen Burrowes

 You replied to this message on 12/04/2018 15:54.

[Click here to download pictures.](#) To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Dear Mr. Burrowes,

It is very good of to write and very good to know that inch by literal inch a few of us ("we happy few"?) are making progress in our attempt to an understanding of humanity's successes and failures. That seem to be to be the only way to identifying policies.

Many thanks also for sending me the material. I have already copied your letter and attachments to Bishop Sanchez Sorondo, who is Chancellor of the two Pontifical Academies. And I shall circulate them more widely.

With all good wishes with your work.

Yours sincerely,

Partha Dasgupta

Destruction of nature as dangerous as climate change, scientists warn

Unsustainable exploitation of the natural world threatens food and water security of billions of people, major UN-backed biodiversity study reveals



▲ A dead Bodó fish in front of stranded floating houses on the bed of Negro River, a major tributary of the Amazon River, during a drought in 2015. Photograph: Raphael Alves/AFP/Getty Images

Human destruction of nature is rapidly eroding the world's capacity to provide food, water and security to billions of people, according to the most comprehensive biodiversity study in more than a decade.

Such is the rate of decline that the risks posed by **biodiversity loss** should be considered on the same scale as those of climate change, noted the authors of the UN-backed report, which was released in Medellin, Colombia on Friday.

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Pope Francis

Pope Francis says destroying the environment is a sin

Pontiff says humans are turning planet into 'wasteland full of debris, desolation and filth' in call for urgent action on climate change

Josephine McKenna in Rome
Thu 1 Sep 2016 10:30 BST

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▲ Pope Francis welcomes the Paris accord but suggests voters might need to take additional action to ensure their governments do not backtrack on the deal. Photograph: Galaxia/Sipa/Red Starphoto

Pope Francis has called for urgent action to stop climate change and proposed that caring for the environment be added to traditional Christian works of mercy such as feeding the hungry and visiting the sick.

In a message to mark the Catholic church's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation that he launched last year, Francis said the worst impact of global warming was being felt by those who were least responsible for it - refugees and the poor.

The pontiff used the occasion to revive many of the powerful issues he highlighted a year ago in his provocative encyclical on the environment, *Laudato si'*, and his latest message seems certain to rattle conservatives.

Francis described man's destruction of the environment as a sin and accused mankind of turning the planet into a "polluted wasteland full of debris, desolation and filth".

"Global warming continues," the pope said. "2015 was the warmest year on record, and 2016 will likely be warmer still. This is leading to ever more severe droughts, floods, fires and extreme weather events.

"Climate change is also contributing to the heart-rending refugee crisis. The world's poor, though least responsible for climate change, are most

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Cardinal Peter Turkson

Prefect of Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

“Work for the common good involves taking steps to resolve the “ecological debt” between the global north and south.”

“The first step is to humbly acknowledge the harm we are doing to the Earth through pollution, the scandalous destruction of ecosystems and loss of biodiversity, and the spectre of climate change.”

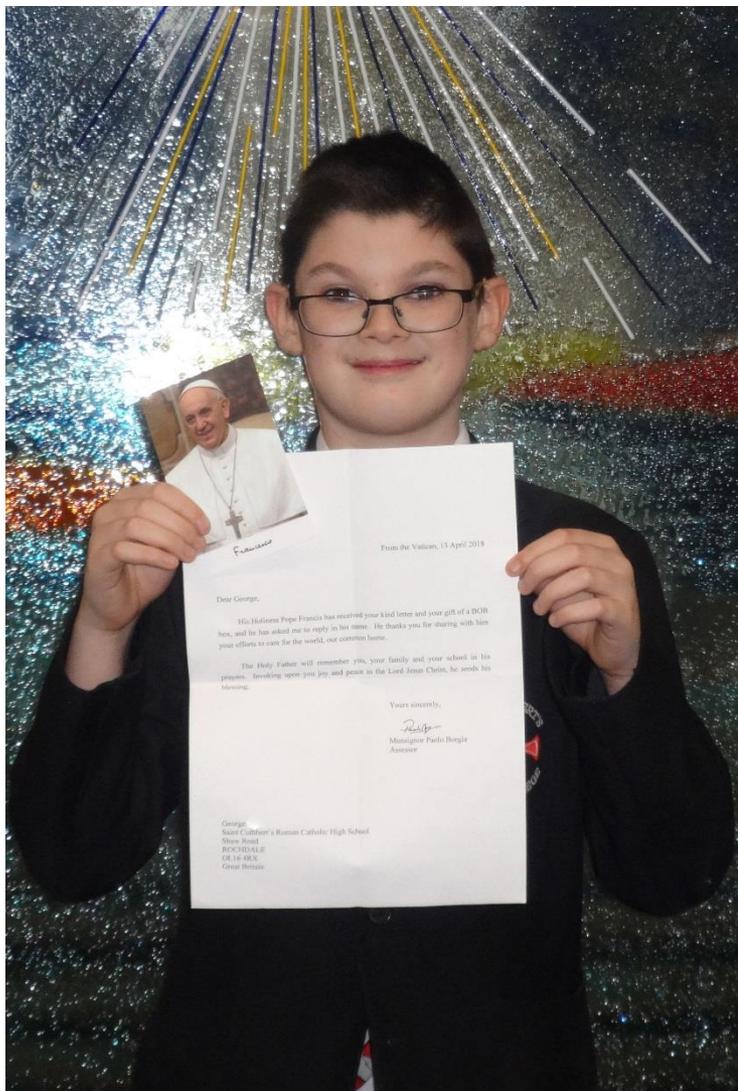
“And to realise that when we hurt the Earth, we also hurt the poor.”





St Edward's, Lees, Oldham – Parish workshop





From the Vatican, 13 April 2018

Dear George,

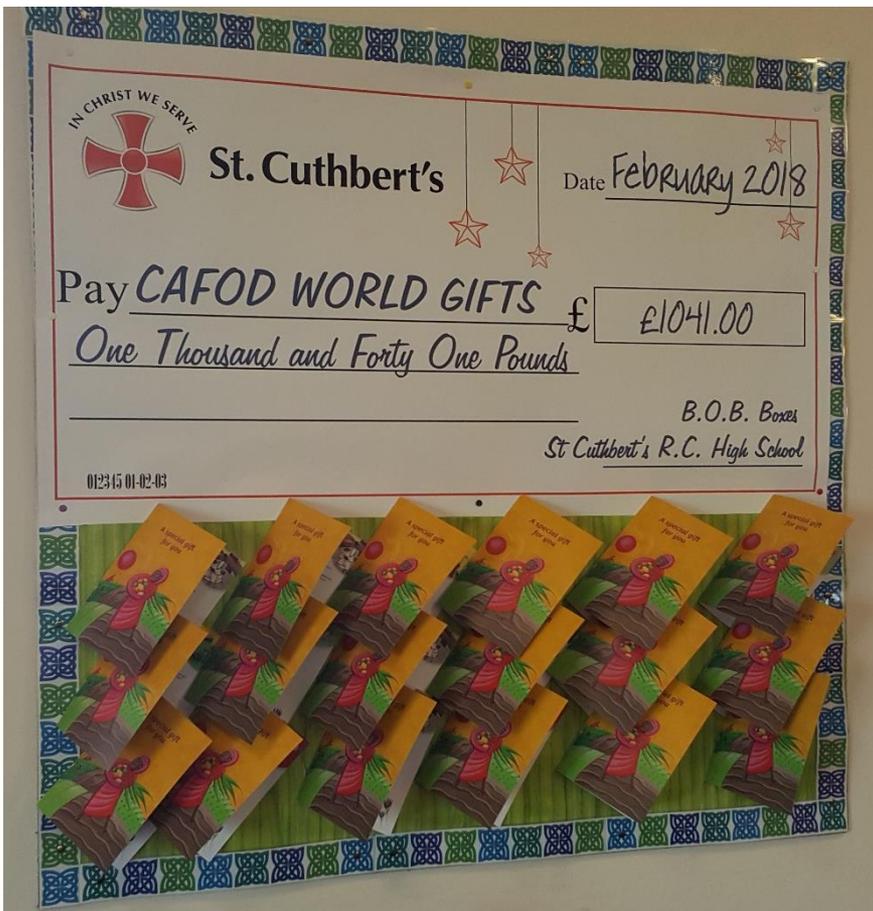
His Holiness Pope Francis has received your kind letter and your gift of a BOB box, and he has asked me to reply in his name. He thanks you for sharing with him your efforts to care for the world, our common home.

The Holy Father will remember you, your family and your school in his prayers. Invoking upon you joy and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ, he sends his blessing.

Yours sincerely,


Monsignor Paolo Borgia
Assessor

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Thanks to your amazing efforts in Advent to sell BOB boxes, our school is able to help our brothers and sisters in developing countries by buying the following items from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue:

- 1 Mosquito net to keep someone safe from disease.
- 2 life changing literacy classes to teach children to read.
- Chickens for 2 families to have eggs to eat & sell.
- 1 school starter pack including uniform & school bag.
- 1 Gift of Play - providing a safe place to relax & have fun
 - Safe water supply for 2 families.
- Emotional & educational support for 6 refugee children.
- Train 1 person to run a business to keep them out of poverty.
- 2 cows to improve 2 families' diets and increase income.
- 1 medical team - lifesaving gift providing healthcare to community.



AN AMAZING EFFORT - THANK YOU!!!!!!

Parish volunteers help get *Laudato Si'* themed project off the ground

Norden, Rochdale: Volunteers from the parish of St Vincent de Paul's, have been supporting their local CAFOD office to run a pilot scheme of the 'B.O.B. box' - bird or bat box - in the Rochdale area.

The B.O.B. box, a dual-purpose bird nesting or bat roosting box, was created as a practical response to *Laudato Si'* and Pope Francis' call for us all to care for our common home. Parishioners are building the boxes together, which come flat packed, to encourage more wildlife into the environment.

In a true community effort, around 50 volunteers from local schools and churches rallied to support the B.O.B. box scheme at its launch in June, in an event led by the Bishop of Salford, John Arnold.

Since then, volunteers such as Graham Sivills, a local Catechist, have been continuing to work tirelessly to get the project off the ground.

Graham has been helping to coordinate the project, organising the business elements as well as working on logistics. He said: "It's been really rewarding to work on the B.O.B. box scheme and support CAFOD in this way. The whole community has rallied together to help, and we feel lucky that the scheme was piloted



The official launch was hosted by Bishop John Arnold

in Rochdale."

The money raised by the boxes goes to support CAFOD's work with the poorest people in over 40 countries worldwide, with parishes using the money they have raised to buy products from CAFOD's *World Gifts* range for communities overseas.

CAFOD's local representative in

Rochdale, Steve Burrowes, said: "The parish of St Vincent's have been so supportive, volunteering individually as well as hosting the launch. The work CAFOD does without the help of our committed volunteer base, to which we are very grateful."

The World Gifts catalogue includes

a range of different presents that will transform lives, including the 'Brilliant Birds' gift. By purchasing this gift, parishioners are helping people across the world to create their own sustainable businesses and become self-sufficient.

■ To find out more about World Gifts, visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Museum is going batty to beat moth 'explosion'

DAMON WILKINSON

ROCHDALE'S Pioneer Museum has gone batty in its fight against a moth epidemic.

The Tod Lane museum is hoping to attract a colony of bats to eat the insects which are damaging its textile collection.

Those at the museum, which celebrates the history of the co-operative movement say they have seen an explosion in the numbers of textile moth damage to recent months.

The B.O.B. box is a great idea and it's brilliant to be

dubbed B.O.B. 'bird or bat' boxes - which will be put up around the area in a bid to encourage bats to move in - and then eat the moths.

The boxes have been bought from international charity CAFOD and money raised by the boxes goes to support the charity's work with poor people in over 40 countries.

Liz McIner, manager of the Co-operative Heritage Trust, which runs Rochdale Pioneer Museum, said: "The explosion of moth population has had a detrimental effect on the heritage in dusty nooks."

The B.O.B. box is a great idea and it's brilliant to be

using it to help our environment in a conservation area, our collections and CAFOD's work at the same time.

"While our collections aren't primarily textile based, it's still important to protect the textiles we do have, particularly local area donate or social and political textiles such as campaign banners, which moths just love."

Steve Burrowes, a CAFOD representative in Rochdale, said: "The B.O.B. box pilot has been amazing with so many volunteers getting their own communities involved."

"We're always looking for more people to help

and get involved in the work CAFOD does in the Rochdale area. Our volunteers are truly at the heart of what we do."

CAFOD launched its B.O.B. box scheme in June, with a service attended by the Bishop of Salford, Patrick in the local area donate or social and political textiles such as campaign banners, which moths just love."

The launch of B.O.B. boxes within the museum coincides with a special re-imagined event during Rochdale Literary Festival where visitors can have a go at building a brickmansel.

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Claire Hirst (left) and Liz McIner from the Rochdale Pioneer Museum with one of 20 bat boxes they have brought to try and combat an explosion in moth eating textile collections

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BOB BOX

THINKING OUT OF THE BOX

Catena caught up with Graham Sivills from Rochdale Circle to discuss a unique Bat or Bird Box project in aid of CAFOD...



What is a BOB Box?
The BOB Box is a dual purpose bird or bat roosting box developed by a Special Needs Coordinator with his 11 and 12-year-old pupils which is being sold to raise money for CAFOD.

How did the project begin?
Steve Burrowes, the Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD in Salford, developed the BOB Box with his Year 7 pupils when he was Special Needs Co-ordinator at St Basil's Savio Salesian College.
He then continued to use the BOB Box as part of the curriculum when he moved to Thornleigh Salesian College in Bolton to engage pupils in their work on ecological and environmental issues. And its unique concept and simple design won the Observer Ethical Award - a prestigious accolade often referred to as the 'Green Oscars'.

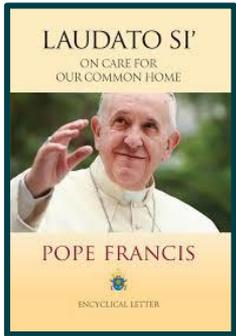
How can people benefit from the BOB Box?
In 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis spoke of the care for our common home and how we must look after our world and the creatures in it, just as we should look after each other. CAFOD Salford is proposing that this project will be their practical response to 'Laudato Si' by constructing and selling the boxes and raising funds for CAFOD.
The boxes give us a real opportunity to connect with nature by helping endangered bats and birds.

The hope is that sales from BOB Boxes will provide much needed funds for the poorest people to have clean water and basic sustainable livelihoods for themselves.

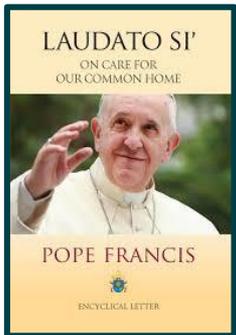


"The BOB Box is local but its impact will be global!"
Bishop John Arnold

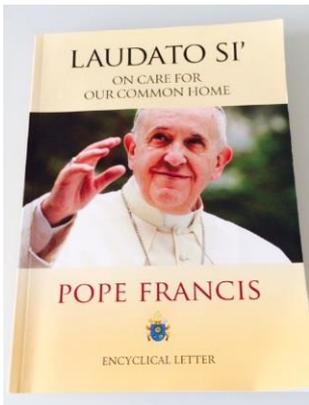
Why bother ?



“It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential “resources” to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves.”



Their value lies in their creation by God and that we do not have the right to cause their extinction and take away their ability to live their purpose and give glory to God, simply by their existence. (Paragraph 33.)



Very directly, Pope Francis blames **human disruption for the loss of species** and expresses concerns that the loss might cause us harm in the future as we **destroy resources that might be needed to find cures for diseases and other un-yet discovered scientific breakthroughs** for humans and the environment.

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Amphibians

Sisters act: Meet the nuns helping to save one of the world's rarest amphibians - video

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Courtesy: Chester Zoo

and these are the nuns trying to save it.

A community of Mexican nuns have formed an unlikely partnership with British conservationists to save an endangered amphibian species. Ahoques once thrived in Pátzcuaro, Mexico's third largest lake, but they are now close to extinction due to introduced fish species and deforestation. The nuns, who use the lizard-like animal to create a special cough medicine, have been breeding them in their convent. The sisters are part of an official breeding network that includes Chester zoo in the UK and the Michoacana University of Mexico

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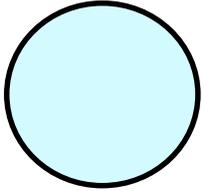


11 bird species

28 benefits to UK biodiversity

17 bird species

25 mm



Blue tit

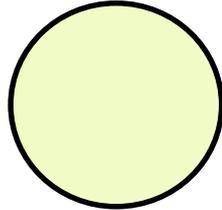


Coal tit



Marsh tit

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Great tit

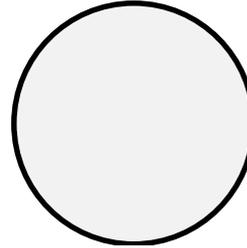


Tree sparrow



Pied flycatcher

32 mm



House sparrow



Nuthatches



Open box



Pied wagtail

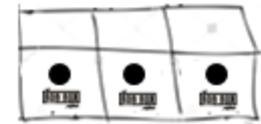


Robin



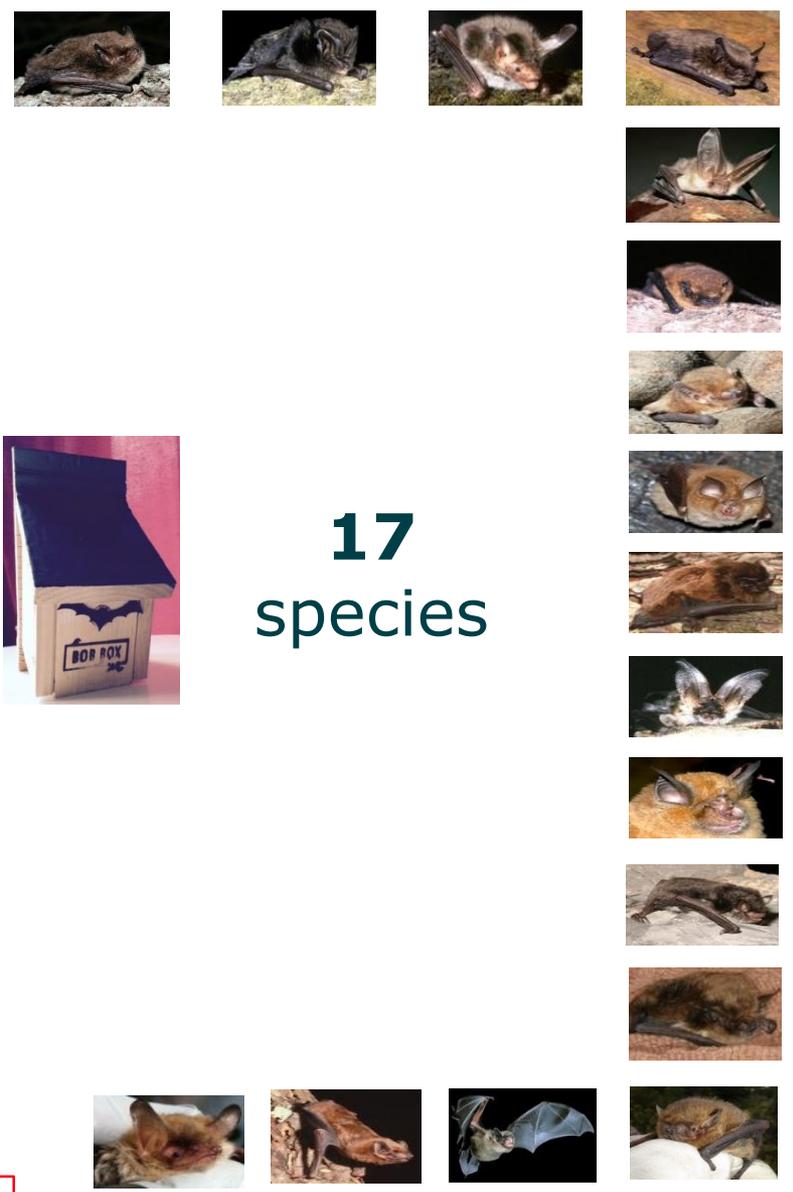
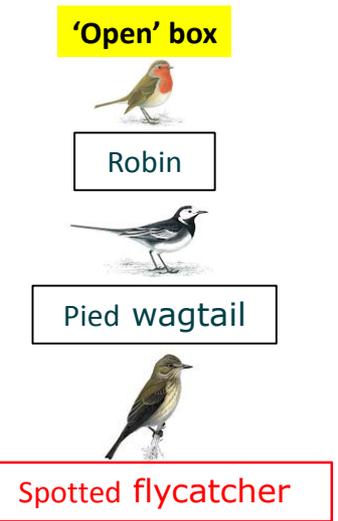
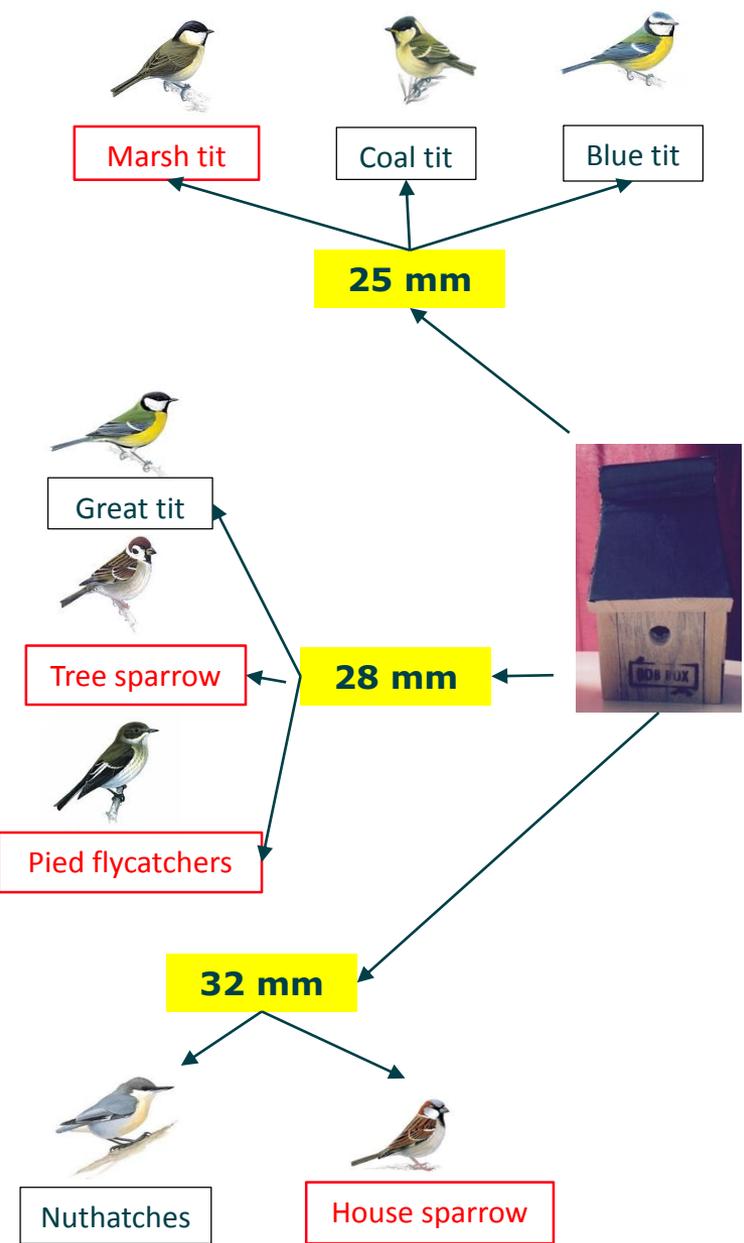
Spotted flycatcher

Terraced boxes

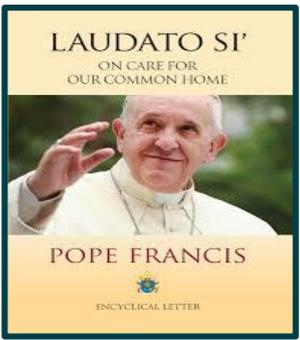


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17 species



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It's impact will be global !**



What difference will B.O.B make ?

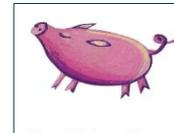


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| 1 B.O.B. box | £ 7 to spend on 'World Gifts' |
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The net that protects £7.00

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| 10 B.O.B. boxes | £ 70 to spend on 'World Gifts' |
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The pig that provides £65.00



Squirming worms £12.00

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| 50 B.O.B. boxes | £ 350 to spend on 'World Gifts' |
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"Finally my son can be counted as a person and can enrol in school!" Aleck's mother, Zimbabwe

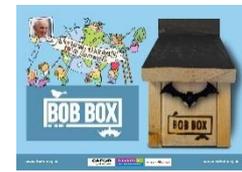
Aleck is one of thousands of children in Zimbabwe to be born at home. Neither Aleck nor his five siblings had birth certificates. Without this important piece of paper, Aleck would face a lifetime of problems when trying to register for school, exams or even find a job.

If not done at birth, acquiring a birth certificate requires lots of travel, paperwork and crucially money, most of which are out of the reach of people living in poverty.

With CAFOD's support, Aleck and his mother were able to get the legal documents necessary for Aleck to finally get a birth certificate. Often taken for granted by people in developed countries, Aleck's new birth certificate is his passport to a life of opportunity and prosperity.



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Loving father, God of all creation,
bless these BOB boxes, we pray:
birds and bats will rest and roost in safety
and the work of your hands goes on....

We thank you for the gifts
of imagination and skill and enterprise
that we have pooled together for this purpose.

Bless these boxes, we pray:
they will be placed high on fences, trees and quiet places,
small symbols of our creative role in our planet's care.

May you be praised, loving God,
by the life that will be sustained
and the love that has been fired into action.

God of the sparrows and all small living creatures,
your care for all is infinite
but we have spoiled your world.

Our Bob boxes are a gesture, our attempt at restoration.
Birds and bats will rest and roost in safety
and new songs will rise in praise of you
and we will be re-created.

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Lord God,
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And the work
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Praise be!



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