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BATS AND BIRDS AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT

Steve Burrowes

Wednesday 13th June

cafod.org.uk
“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!
Catholic Social Teaching

Christ & the scriptures

The pastoral cycle

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
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: Dicastrycy 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.

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, flyers, 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. //
Pope Francis’ exhortations and the Pastoral Cycle

Experience

Celebrate
2013
EVANGELII GAUDIUM
The Joy of the Gospel
POPE FRANCIS
Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today’s World

2015
LAUDATO SI’
On Care for Our Common Home
POPE FRANCIS
Encyclical Letter

2018
REJOICE AND BE GLAD
Causette et XLieante
POPE FRANCIS
Apostolic Exhortation on the Pastoral Challenges of the Family

2016
AMORIS LAETITIA
On Love in the Family
POPE FRANCIS
Papal Exhortation

Analysis

Action

Reflection
The same message ... from different perspectives

Think

Pray

ACT

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

..missionary disciples..

“.. 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

- Become an MP correspondent
- Become a ‘Live Simply’ parish
- Become involved in CAFOD campaigns and advocacy work

...local

...regional

...national and international
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

20 Retweets 25 Likes
THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO CONNECT THE POOR TO THE POWERFUL

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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.
“..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 different to the lives of so many people.”
Live wisely, think deeply, love generously.

How can we care for God’s world?
Pope Francis asks us to do 3 things:

- Live wisely.
- Think deeply.
- Love generously.

What does he mean?
Think deeply.

What does he mean?
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...”
“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

£ 3.00 returns to the project to keep it self-sustaining

£ 7.00 to be spent on ordering more materials
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)
Dear Mr. Burrowes,

It is very good of you 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 seems 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 Bodo 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.
“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

George
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Great Britain
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

Norlden, Rochdale. Volunteers from the parish of St Vincent de Paul have been supporting their local CAFOD office to run a pilot scheme of the ‘R.O.B. Box’ – Bird or Bat box – in the Rochdale area.

The R.O.B. box, a dual-purpose bird nesting or bat nesting 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.

A true community effort, around 50 volunteers from local schools and churches rallied to support the R.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 Stivills, a local Cenavian, have been continuing to work tirelessly to get the project off the ground.

Graham has been helping to co-ordinate the project, organising the business elements as well as working on logistics. He said: “It’s been really rewarding to work on the R.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 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 Burnes, said: “The parish of St Vincent’s have been so supportive, volunteering individually as well as hosting the launch. The work CAFOD does would be impossible to complete 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 Bird’ 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’

ROCHDALE OBSERVER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Catena caught up with Graham Stivills 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 box that can be used to create a habitat for birds or bats. It has been designed by the National Bat Box Group and is available to purchase from CAFOD.

How did the project begin?
Cafod Rochdale branch has been working with CAFOD to provide assistance to vulnerable communities in the UK and around the world. The Bat and Bird Box Scheme has been set up to raise funds for this purpose.

What is the impact of the BOB Box?
The BOB Box is an innovative way to support CAFOD’s work. By purchasing a BOB Box, you can help create a safe and healthy environment for our local wildlife, while also supporting CAFOD’s important projects around the world.

Why buy a BOB Box?
By purchasing a BOB Box, you can make a difference to the lives of people in your community and around the world. You will be helping to restore the balance of nature and supporting CAFOD’s international development work.

CAFOD is a registered charity (264054) in England and Wales and a registered charity (SC037738) in Scotland. It is also registered in the Isle of Man (11091) and Jersey (10057).
“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.
1 action

28 benefits to UK biodiversity

11 bird species

17 bird species
B.O.B. box adaptations for birds

25 mm
- Blue tit
- Coal tit
- Marsh tit

28 mm
- Great tit
- Tree sparrow
- Pied flycatcher

32 mm
- House sparrow
- Nuthatches

Open box
- Pied wagtail
- Robin
- Spotted flycatcher

Terraced boxes
- House sparrows like neighbours!
- Make a 2-5 B.O.B box terrace!
25 mm

28 mm

32 mm

17 species

Marsh tit
Coal tit
Blue tit

Great tit
Tree sparrow
Pied flycatchers

‘Open’ box

Robin

Pied wagtail

Nuthatches
House sparrow
Spotted flycatcher

Pied wagtail

Great tit

Tree sparrow

Pied flycatchers

17 species

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Hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor

B.O.B. box is local. It’s impact will be global!
## What difference will B.O.B make?

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What difference would 4 B.O.B. boxes make?

The world of a difference to the thousands of children without a birth certificate!

In developing countries where births often go unregistered, not having a birth certificate can cause real difficulties. Much more than a simple piece of paper, by helping someone get a birth certificate this charity gift can make the difference between poverty and opportunity.

£ 25

Case study: The difference between poverty and opportunity

"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.

Health and Care fund
View all our gifts for this fund
What difference will B.O.B make?

Total value = £ 9251

1,156 B.O.B. boxes

Save the rainforest
£2,000.00

Health clinic £4,000.00

Community water supply £750.00

A safe place to learn £550.00

£ 7,300

973 B.O.B. boxes
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.

Lord God,
look kindly,
we pray,
on our
BOB BOXES,
small symbols of
our role
in our planet's
constant
re-creation.

Birds and
bats will
safely nest
and roost
and live
to give you
glory.

And the work
of your hands
goes on....

Praise be!

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It's About Time

Music and lyrics by John Denver
Additional lyrics by Fenton, Pickering & Murphy