A Sisters of the Holy Cross Workshop

Our time is now

Responding to the Cry of the Poor

As mindful stewards of the Earth's resources, please limit printing of these materials by journaling your responses to this worksheet.

"Today, however, we have to realize that 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." *—Laudato Si'* 202

In *Laudato Si',* Pope Francis invites all people, not just members of the church, to enter into dialogue about our common home (*LS* 3). This self-guided workshop on "Responding to the Cry of the Poor" is an opportunity for you to connect with your own experiences and reflect on where you are being called to act. You are invited to prayerfully spend time with the following readings from *Laudato Si'*:

- paragraph 10: St. Francis, Caring for Creation and the Poor
- paragraph 25: Implications of Climate Change on the Poor
- paragraph 48: The Effect on the Most Vulnerable
- paragraph 49: Hear the Cry of the Earth & the Cry of the Poor
- paragraphs 93-95: The Common Destination of Goods

Reflection Questions

What about each reading stands out to you?
Where do you hear the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"?

Conversation Starters

What daily choices do you make that could affect all communities of life, especially those that are most vulnerable?
How does seeing everything as connected change the way you see the world?

Closing Charge

Who are the people crying out in your life, in your community?
How can you respond to the cry of the poor in your own life?

Prayer for Cry of the Poor

Creator God,
You taught us that the poor are blessed and that all lives are precious and have dignity. Remind us that we can see you and serve you in the faces of the poor, abandoned and deprived.
Help us to be your ears to listen to the cry of the poor. Inspire us to be your voice, delivering messages of acceptance and love. Encourage us to be your feet, walking with those in need. Awaken us to be your hands to alleviate the suffering and pain of your people and to care for all your creation on Earth.
Amen.

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