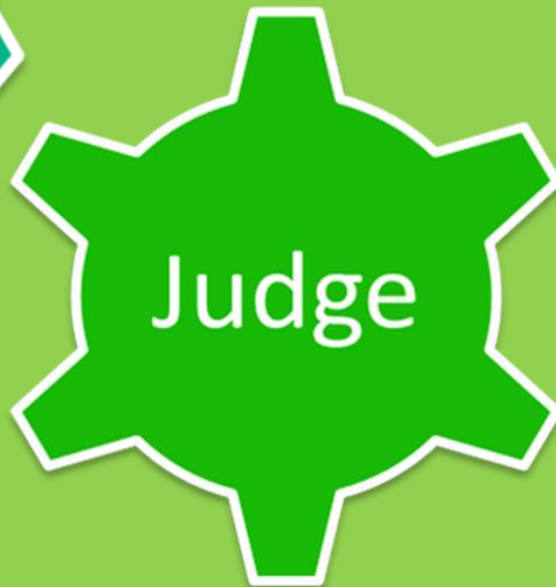


# **An Overview of Laudato Si- *The Care of Our Common Home***

Methodology: SEE, JUDGE, ACT



- Paragraph 23 is KEY:

- It says in summary:

- 1- Climate change is **REAL**.

- 2- The principal cause is **HUMAN ACTIVITY**.

- 3- Mainly from the burning of **FOSSIL FUELS**.



- Some RESULTS of the trapped heat are:  
the melting of the polar ice cap, rising sea levels, dry areas  
even drier, causing droughts, and wet areas even wetter,  
causing flooding, leading to massive migrations, insect and  
bacteria life moving into new areas, stronger hurricanes  
and more frequent wildfires.

- **JUDGE:**

- Key texts: Gen. 2, 15
- *“Then Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden ‘**to cultivate and CARE FOR it.**”*
- *“For humanity to contaminate the earth’s water, land air and life, these are **SINS**. For ‘to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God.”*

*(Patriarch Barthololomew – Par. 8 in L. S.)*



- *“The U. S. bishops have said, greater attention must be given to the POOR...We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single family...there is no room for the Globalization of INDIFFERENCE.” (Par. 52 L. S.)*



Humans are co-operators with the Creator. God gave humans FREE WILL. **Damage** to the environment begins when humans no longer acknowledge God's plan and superimposes his will over that of God.

- ACT: *“Our dominion over the universe =  
**RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP.**”* (L.s. 116)

*“There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature,  
without a renewal of humanity itself.”* (L. S. 118)





- “Unless *CITIZENS* control *POLITICAL POWER*, nationally, regionally and municipally, it will not be possible to control damage to the environment.” (L. S. 179)
- “Human ecology is inseparable from the notion of the *common good*.” (L.S. 156)



- ***“HUMAN ECOLOGY** is the relationship between human life and the moral law, which is inscribed in our nature and is necessary for the creation of a more dignified environment.”*



*Pope Francis addresses a plenary meeting of the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 at United Nations headquarters in Manhattan, New York, Sept. 25. Photo by Mike Segar/Reuters*



- *“Educators must promote a new way of thinking ..for an **ecological spirituality** grounded in the gospel. This is an **ecological conversion**.”* (L. S. 215-217)
- *“Believers must live in a manner consonant with their faith and not contradict it by their actions.”* (L. S. 200)

***LIVE SIMPLY***  
***LIVE SUSTAINABLY***  
***LIVE IN SOLIDARITY***

Where do I start?

