



Diocese of Westminster

EDUCATION SERVICE

JUST ENOUGH OK...



CARE OF CREATION

HUMAN TRAFFICKING MODULE : LESSON 5



Heavenly Father,
help us to see with
your eyes,
to judge with the loving heart
of your Son,
Jesus Christ,
and through your Spirit
to put love into action.

Amen



THINK

'Laudato Si' ('Praise be to you')

is an encyclical (letter) from Pope Francis with the subtitle 'on care for our common home'.

LAUDATO SI, POPE FRANCIS ASKS

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (#160)

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION?



WATCH



LAUDATO SI ANIMATION

- **Watch the summary of the encyclical Laudato Si.**
- **Make notes on what are the main messages of the encyclical.**



REMEMBER THIS?....

The Paris climate agreement: key points

The historic pact, approved by 195 countries, will take effect from 2020



Temperatures

2100



- Keep warming “well below 2 degrees Celsius”. Continue all efforts to limit the rise in temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius”

Finance

2020-2025



- Rich countries must provide 100 billion dollars from 2020, as a “floor”
- Amount to be updated by 2025

Differentiation



- Developed countries must continue to “take the lead” in the reduction of greenhouse gases
- Developing nations are encouraged to “enhance their efforts” and move over time to cuts

Emissions objectives

2050



- Aim for greenhouse gases emissions to peak “as soon as possible”
- From 2050: rapid reductions to achieve a balance between emissions from human activity and the amount that can be captured by “sinks”

Burden-sharing



- Developed countries must provide financial resources to help developing countries
- Other countries are invited to provide support on a voluntary basis

Review mechanism

2023



- A review every five years
First world review: 2023
- Each review will inform countries in “updating and enhancing” their pledges

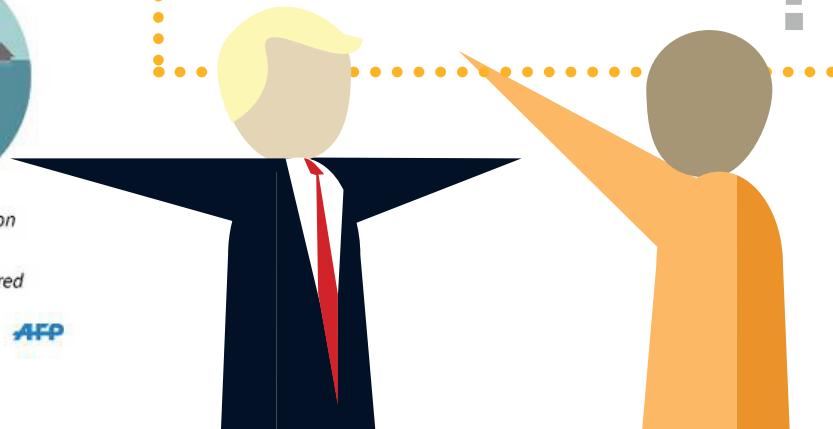
Climate damage



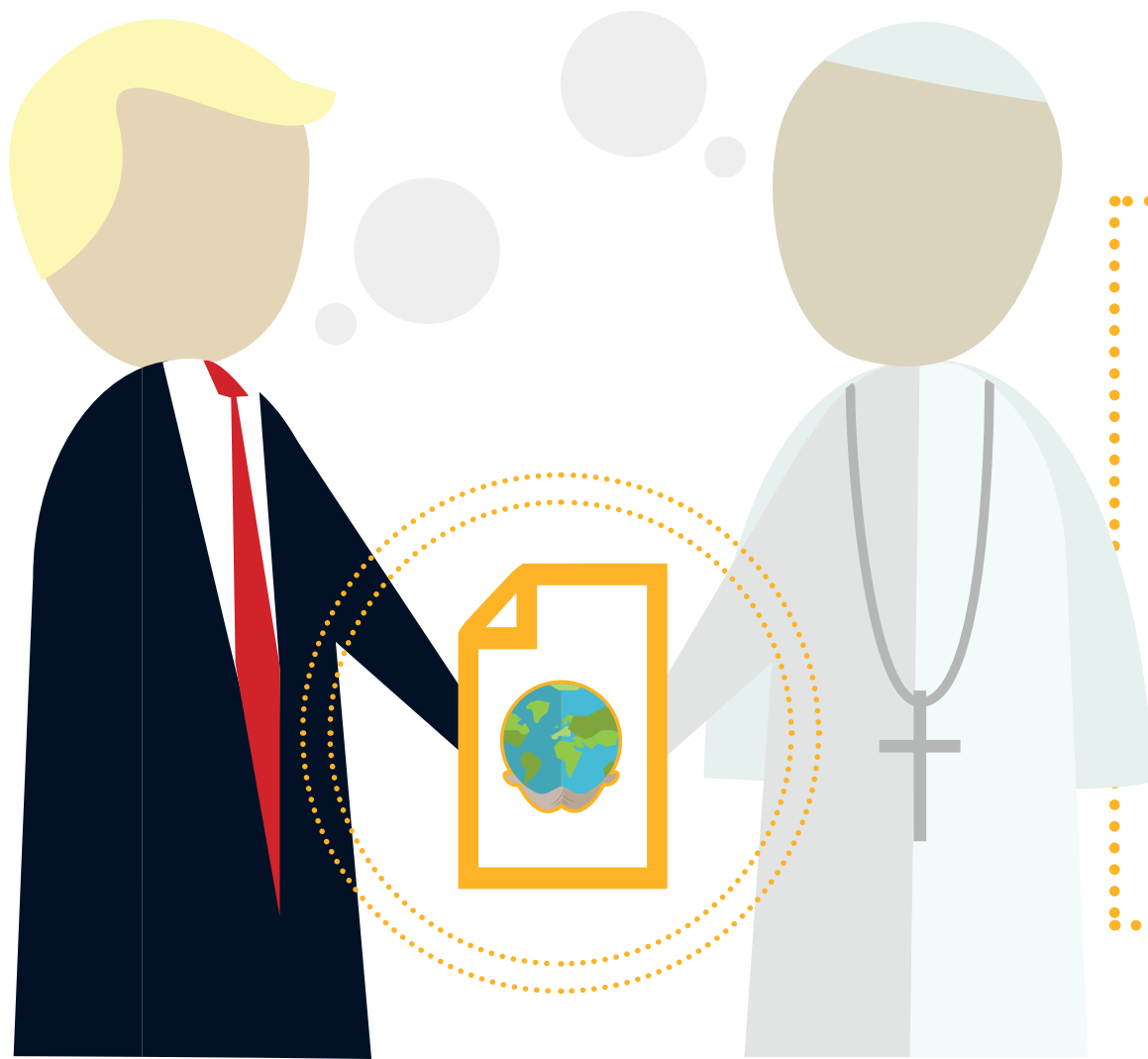
- Vulnerable countries have won recognition of the need for “averting, minimising and addressing” losses suffered due to climate change

AFP

- The Paris agreement was made in 2015 after 20 years of meetings and talks.
- Donald Trump has taken the USA out of the Paris climate agreement.
- He doesn't believe it is in the USA's best interests



TRUMP FAMILY VISIT THE POPE...



- | **Pope Francis gave Trump a gift.....**
- | **It was his writing on climate change.**
- | **The interests of the USA do not outweigh the rest of the world.**
- | **We have a duty to care for our common home!**

YOUR GROUP HAS BEEN GIVEN AN EXTRACT FROM LAUDATO SI

TASK

- Read it
- Identify within it **WHY** human beings have an obligation to care for our common home.
- Support your reason with a quote.
- Feedback to your teacher who will collate the ideas ready for your next task.



“

“For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins”. 15 For “to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God”

”

“

“to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbours on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God’s creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet”.¹⁸

”



His disciple Saint Bonaventure tells us that, “from a reflection on the primary source of all things, filled with even more abundant piety, he (St Francis) would call creatures, no matter how small, by the name of ‘brother’ or ‘sister’”. Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behaviour. If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled.



“

These situations have caused sister earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, to cry out, pleading that we take another course. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.

”



In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters.





A spirituality which forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality.



TASK

Explain why human beings have an obligation to care for our common home according to Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si'.

Remember: Use you notes from the video and the class feedback from the task to answer this question.



STEWARDSHIP

DISCUSS

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?



STEWARDSHIP

DISCUSS

**Explain how poor stewardship
leads to impoverishment.
(Hint: there are many ways!)**



HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE 'UN'S' SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

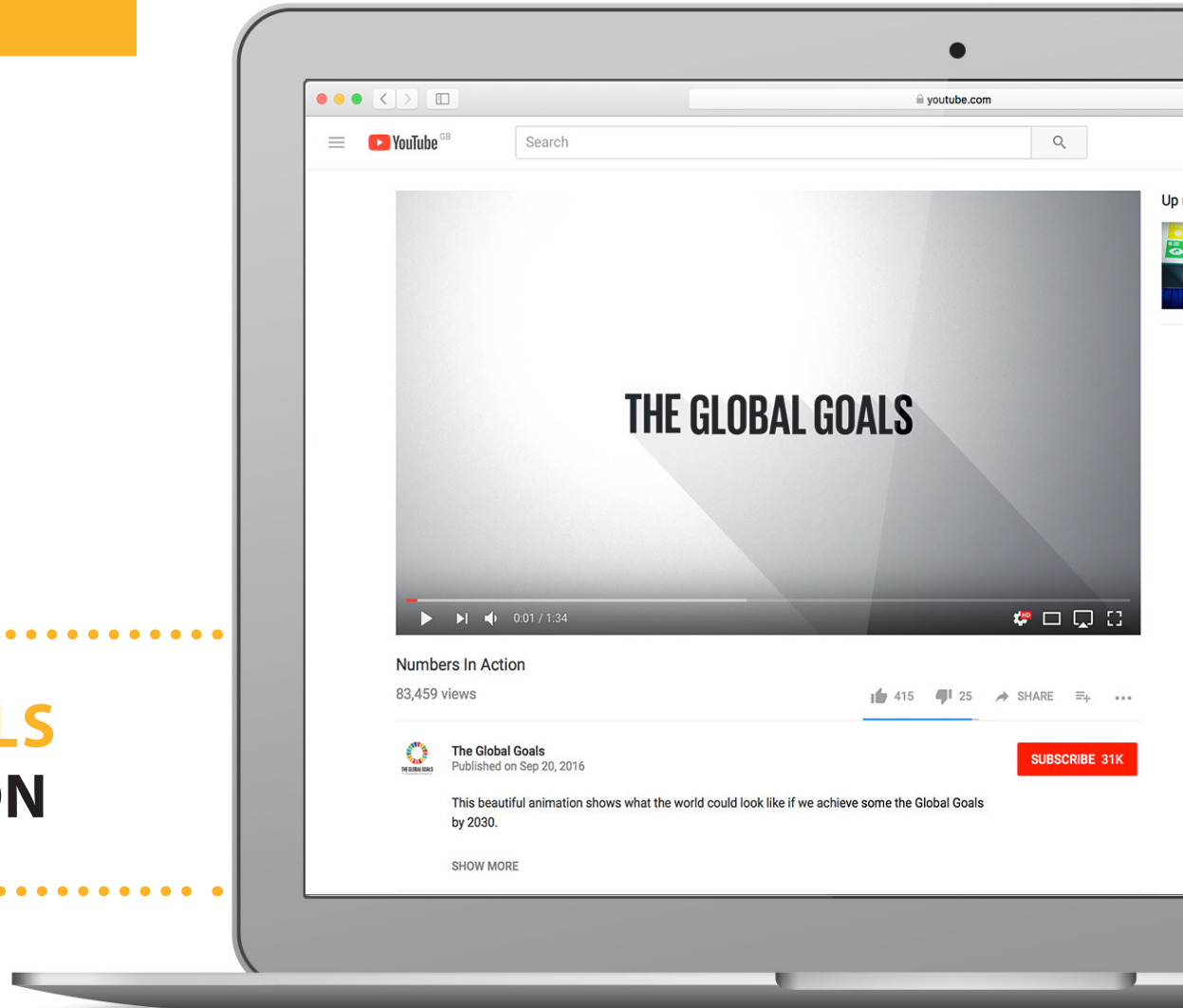


WATCH



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

THE GLOBAL GOALS NUMBERS IN ACTION





- **TASK: WHICH OF THE GOALS LINK TOGETHER?**
- **WHICH ONES EFFECT MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING?**

POSITIVE END

Why not write some rules for your school to live by to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved by 2030? Let's look after our world.

MY RULES

LET'S HELP
ACHIEVE THE
SDGs BY 2030



RECAP

- **The Church has a responsibility to look after the Earth - There is no Planet B.**
- **Lack of stewardship leads to impoverishment**
- **Achieving the SDGs will contribute to reducing Human Trafficking**

