

Laudate Deum

*To All People of Good Will
On the Climate Crisis*

The Global Climate Crisis

Resistance & Confusion

**Some have chosen to forget...
The unusual acceleration of warming
The common origin of droughts, floods,
dried-up lakes, communities swept away
by seaquakes**

Reality

**A low richer percentage of the planet contaminates
more than the poorest 50%
of the total world population.**

Human Causes

It is no longer possible to doubt the human – “anthropic”
origin of climate change

More than 42% of total net emissions (*greenhouse
gases*) since the year 1850 were produced after 1990.

Economic Powers

Regrettably, the climate crisis is not exactly a matter that
interests the great economic powers, whose concern is
with the greatest profit possible at minimal cost and in the
shortest time.



*Our
Victims*

Ocean waters have a thermal inertia and centuries are needed to normalize their temperatures and salinity, which affects the survival of many species. This is one of the many signs that the other creatures of this world have stopped being our companions along the way and have become instead our victims.

*Our
Responsibility*

What is being asked of us is nothing other than a certain responsibility for the legacy we will leave behind, once we pass from this world.

Everything is connected... No one is saved alone

A Growing Technocratic Paradigm

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence and the latest technological innovations start with the notion of a human being with no limits... In this way, the technocratic paradigm monstrously feeds upon itself.

Dominance

It is chilling to realize that the capacities expanded by technology “have given those with the knowledge and especially the economic resources to use them, an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world.

Extremely Risky

Never has humanity had such power over itself ... It is extremely risky for a small part of humanity to have it” (Laudato Si, May 2015)

Vulnerable

We stand naked and exposed in the face of our ever—increasing power, lacking the wherewithal to control it.

Eyes to See

We need lucidity and honesty in order to recognize that our power and the progress we are producing are turning against us.

In Conscience...

What is the meaning of my life? What is the meaning of my time on this earth? And what is the ultimate meaning of all my work and effort?

The Weakness of International Politics

Working Together

For there to be solid and lasting advances, I would insist that, “preference should be given to multilateral agreements between States”
(Fratelli Tuti)

Responsibility

I reiterate that “unless citizens control power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment” *(Laudato Si)*

Binding Transitions

If there is sincere interest in making COP28 a historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, then one can only hope for binding forms of energy transitions that meet three conditions: *that they be efficient, obligatory and readily monitored.*

Faith...

Authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with all creation as a whole.

An Infinite Love

The world sings of an infinite Love: *how can we fail to care for it?*

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“Praise God” is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God’s place, they become their own worst enemies.