

Pope Francis speaks:

Let us be aware that each creature reflects something of God and has a message to convey to us , and the security that Christ has taken unto himself this material world and now, risen, is intimately present to each being, surrounding it with his affection and penetrating it with his light.

LS 220

Take time to ponder:

- ♦ *Those things which speak to my heart .*
- ♦ *How best can I deepen my awareness of God speaking through all creation.*
- ♦ *What needs to change in my mind, in my heart, in my actions?*

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The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

THE SEASON OF CREATION PT 2

In the face of great destruction of the earth

Pope Francis calls us to an

ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

What does he mean?

It is not a conversion away from the earth.

***It is a conversion towards the earth -
in love with a God who loves the earth.***

“Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of God’s love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with affection “ LS 77

The paths of CHANGE OR CONVERSION

A change of **MIND**

A change of **HEART**

A change of **ACTION**

What does this conversion , new vision, look like?

A Change of MIND:

- ♦ In a God-centered view of the world, everything belongs.
- ♦ With our mind we see that everything is sacred, everything is God's good creation .
- ♦ We honour the presence of the Giver of Life in the evolving community of species and see God reflected in their lives.
- ♦ There is no "either / or relationship" (God or the world) between God and creation . God's presence is revealed through all creation.

A Change of HEART:

- ♦ We are not an isolated species, we are kin to the whole community of being.
- ♦ We need to feel love and wonder at other creatures, not because they are like us, but precisely in their difference.
- ♦ In the depth of our being we need to recover a capacity for communion with the natural world: "brother sun and sister moon" are felt truths as with St Francis of Assisi.

A Change of ACTION.

- ♦ A change to action requires that we consider the whole community of life in our decision-making.
- ♦ We protect and preserve creation , not just because it is useful to us, but because it has value in its own right.
- ♦ We make personal choices on how we decide to spend our money, heat our homes, travel, products we buy.
- ♦ Action for the environment is inseparable from our relationship with God:
 - We love the God who is Creator of heaven and Earth.
 - We develop a faith that loves the earth recognizing a thriving earth filled with life in a universe filled with the glory of God .

