

An Open Letter to the Families and Children of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear Families and Children of St. Catherine's Parish,

As members of the parish and loyal followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to show love, encouragement, kindness, and selflessness. We are also called to be stewards and caretakers of the Earth and of one another. God, our Heavenly Father, asks us to look out for each other through both actions and words.

Laudato Si' was written by the late Pope Francis on the 24th of May, 2015. Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si' because he wanted to spread awareness about the effects of global warming caused by human activity. Laudato Si' is mainly about caring for our common home, the Earth. It also represents the dignity of the human person and emphasizes stewardship.

Catholic Social Teaching is the body of Catholic Church doctrine that addresses social, economic, and ecological justice, providing principles for understanding and improving society. The Catholic Social Teaching I have chosen to speak about today is the Dignity of the Human Person. The Bible passages that inspired Catholic Social Teachings include the creation account in Genesis, the teachings of prophets like Micah, the life and ministry of Jesus (especially the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 and Jesus's mission announcement in Luke 4), and the teachings of the Apostles.

The newly elected Pope Leo XIV has also demonstrated acts of stewardship, saying something along the lines of: "AI is amazing in its own way, but in a few years, AI and bots should not have the right to take over jobs and roles such as doctors, nurses, teachers, and many more." This shows that he cares for the Earth, humanity, and the future of the world. Pope Leo's stewardship should encourage us because, as the leader of the Catholic Church, he is someone who inspires many to follow his example.

Two saints who have shown stewardship and upheld human dignity are St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Mary MacKillop. St. Thérèse of Lisieux was a girl born in France. She demonstrated stewardship throughout her life by showing love, kindness, and friendliness to everyone around her. If she saw someone being treated badly, she would stand up for them—an action that resonates with my chosen issue: bullying. St. Mary MacKillop was also a young girl, born in Australia. She helped the poor and showed love and kindness to all, just like St. Thérèse. St. Mary MacKillop said, "Never see a need without doing something about it." This quote beautifully expresses stewardship, as it means we should always care for others.

Issues like bullying, poverty, gender inequality, racism, and fairness all need our attention—because they can be fixed. Some ways we can help address these issues include:

- *Forming a group to raise awareness and take action. For example, to address bullying, you could protest, or create a video, poster, or slideshow about why bullying is harmful and how to stop it.*
- *Starting a GoFundMe to support people living in poverty.*
- *Donating to charity—such as clothes, toys, and other items you no longer use.*

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter on stewardship and what it truly means to live it out. And always remember: God created you for a reason. The least we can do is help make our common home great again—just as God would want it to be.

Kind regards,

Arabella

6 Red Christ the Priest Primary School

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish,

As members of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ, we kindly ask that everyone shows stewardship not only for God's creation but also for one another. Everything that God has made for us must be respected and cared for with love, gentleness, and kindness. This reminds us that we must worship and care for our common home—even through small actions. These small acts help show how much we care for God's beautiful creation.

In Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'* (written on 18 June 2015), he writes about how we should care for our common home and environment by doing small things that can make a big difference in our everyday lives. The letter also talks about how we must learn to love and help each other—especially the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the hurting. It was written to teach us how to make changes for the environment and how we treat one another. *Laudato Si'* is a special letter that explains how the world is in a critical state and how we need to make changes before it gets worse.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) consists of seven key themes developed over many years to guide Christians through God's love for us and the world He created. Care for Our Common Home is one CST theme that speaks about being stewards. It teaches us that we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps and care for creation. We need to understand that we are not the owners of the Earth—we are just visitors. God has invited us into His creation.

Fratelli Tutti is another important document mentioned in CST. It speaks about how we all live as one family and must learn to appreciate and love each other as our neighbours. This Earth isn't ours, so let's treat it with love and appreciation.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). This reminds us that the world is God's creation, not ours—so we must keep it clean and full of joy.

Pope Leo XIV modeled stewardship through his love for creation and social justice. He reflected Gospel messages about hope, love, and compassion for the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the hurting. He advocates for humanity and takes action for the environment and Earth. He said he would advocate for environmental protection and climate action so we can all live better lives. He praised efforts by the Vatican to reduce its carbon footprint by installing solar panels and switching to electric vehicles.

We can follow his example by doing small things like recycling waste, composting food scraps, saving water, walking instead of driving short distances, avoiding cutting down trees, and turning off lights when they're not needed.

Two holy people who teach us how to live this way are Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and Saint Francis of Assisi.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux showed stewardship through small acts of kindness. "Do small things with great love," she often said. Even small things can make a big difference when done with love and kindness.

Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of ecology. He saw God's creation in a beautiful and meaningful way. He demonstrated a deep bond with nature and animals and believed all creatures are part of a universal family.

"Ask the beasts, and they will teach you the beauty of this Earth."

This shows us the spiritual value of all creatures and how they can teach us about God's creation.

Our terrible actions have led to climate change, deforestation, air pollution, plastic waste, the burning of fossil fuels, and bushfires. *Laudato Si'* has taught us that we are not treating the world the way God intended. We are putting creation in danger, and if we don't act now, things will only get worse.

But there is still hope—we can make a difference. We can start by taking responsibility for the damage we've done and making small changes that will have a big impact.

So let's live out the Gospel and share God's message with the whole world!

Kind regards,

Athena, 6 Red

Christ the Priest Catholic School

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the St Catherine of Siena Community,

As a member of the Saint Catherine Church community and a follower of God, we're called to be people—people of love, joy, compassion, and kindness—and be servers of the world. We are all humans that love and lead in God's footsteps and guide others to do so. God created this land for a reason: to make the world a better place. He sent us to care for the poor, help the needy, and live a life full of love for God. We are called to be stewards, caretakers of the world, and treat every person with respect and compassion.

In Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si', Pope Francis reminds us that we are all in a connected family—the family of God. People, nature, and animals are all part of this family and part of His mission: care for our common home. In this mission, Pope Francis teaches us about the way of God and how to care for creation. He explains that caring for creation is very important, since God made this land for us to love, cherish, and look after. Pope Francis loved our home, and we should do the same.

The Church teaches us to be people of service, care, and love. God shows us to care for creation. Caring for creation means caring for Earth, and God loves when we take care of our home. But lately, the world hasn't been doing so well at caring for our home. People make poor choices to do bad things, but I believe with Jesus beside us, we can really make a change in the world today. Pope Leo, Pope Francis, and many more also believed in the good of caring for creation, because it's important to always love, be happy, and spread the word of God.

Here are some ways you can care for our world today!

- *Recycling / making old new*
- *Caring for the poor and needy*
- *Plant trees and plants to promote oxygen*
- *Use less plastic in day-to-day life*
- *Encourage others to do the same!*

Pope Leo, our newest Pope, is focused on being a steward of creation. This means you are a person who cares, loves, and cherishes the world that God made. Pope Leo is one of the many stewards of the world. He loves to spread love, joy, and his understanding of God to the world, to show people how to be caretakers of the world and make the world a better place. For his position as Pope, Leo has to make many speeches and preaches to all the Catholics of the world. In nearly all his preaches, he talks about stewardship and how it can shape our world for the better.

There are many saints in the world today that show love for our planet, but here are two that stood out to me. One: Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of nature and animals. St Francis lived a life full of love, joy, and kindness. Born in 1181 and passed away on the 3rd of October 1226, St Francis was a well-known saint for caring for creation. He also spent a lot of time with animals. Since young, Saint Francis loved and cared for our creation—the creation of Earth. God made it for us to care for, not destroy.

In this world today, there are a lot of problems and challenges that we need to face. But our world is a creation of God, so no matter what, we have to love it, take care of it, and most of all, accept it. Laudato Si' teaches us to do this. Pope Francis expects us to do it—so let's go out, embrace the world, and make Him proud!!!

Kind regards

*Damian, a student in 6 Red Class
Christ the Priest Catholic School*

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish – A Call to Care for All of God's Creations and People

Dear Children and Families of St. Catherine's Parish,

As members of Jesus Christ, we are all people and should be loved just the way we are and have responsibility. A really important part of that is called being caretakers of the Earth and the amazing people around us. That means God really wants us to take care of the world and make people feel like they belong here. We are all the same because we are all made in God's image.

In the Pope's letter Laudato Si', Pope Francis tells us that we are all connected and created in God's image and all respected. This letter was written because it was a sign to let people change the world and make sure people will treat this Earth well, because it is turning into a pile of filth.

The Church teaches us, through Catholic Social Teaching, that poverty is bad because if people don't have money, then they live on the streets and can't eat food, leading to death. People should get together to help the poor and work together to make them have a way better life—and that is called option for the poor.

Pope Leo is an excellent steward, and he shows this by being kind, being fair, and even though he meets people that are from different backgrounds, he still respects them and shows them love and shows them how to be a steward. These actions that Pope Leo showed us—we should do the exact same things that he has done.

Two saints that showed us how to live a life being a steward are Saint Carlo Acutis and Mary MacKillop. Carlo was a 15-year-old boy at the time he died, and his feast day is October 12. Mary MacKillop was the first saint in Australia and had a huge impact. She opened 117 schools in Australia that were free and let kids learn, and she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. A poverty quote from Mary MacKillop is: "Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

One of the largest problems in society is poverty. In fact, 808 million people in the world in 2025 are in extreme poverty, and 333 million kids in the world are in poverty. Now that's insane—and we can do something about it. Some simple actions we can do are give money to them. A little amount of money a day is still good for poor people, and we should always put them first.

We can fix this by:

- *Donating*
- *Creating access to affordable schools*
- *Not having tax*
- *Supporting small businesses*

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God." – Luke 6:20

From

Dante,

A member of 6 Red Class at Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School.

An Open Letter to the Families and Members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear Families and Members of St. Catherine of Siena,

As members of our Parish and followers of Jesus Christ, it is our job to take care of God's creation with love and care. This doesn't mean that we should only take care of the world—God made people, so this means we should all be kind to our neighbours and treat them with love.

*In Pope Francis' letter, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis talks about how we should all care about each other, and how we should care for our common home. Caring for our common home means responsible stewardship of the Earth, acknowledging that the planet and its resources are shared. It's also very important that we pray for each other, especially the poor and sick, as they need it the most.*

One of the seven Catholic Social Teachings is Dignity. Dignity for humans means the intrinsic value and how every human being should be treated with respect and feel like they belong. Everyone has human dignity, as we are all created in God's image. We all need to stand up for the right choice and be an upstander in what we do.

What Pope Leo XIV had learnt in Peru was teaching him to open up his heart to the poor. This shows us a great example of how we should help the poor and treat them with love. Pope Leo XIV encouraged Catholics to work together to make the world fairer. He tries to make us stewards and better people, therefore leading into a greater life.

Two holy saints are St. Thérèse of Lisieux and Mary MacKillop. These two are similar saints, as in the quotes, "Do small things with great love" by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and Mary MacKillop's quote being, "Never see a need without doing something about it." These quotes are similar, as they both show how we need to be stewards and show dignity to some things in the world. They both remind us how we need to do things with love, and do something about it.

We have a lot of bad problems we are facing in the world today—racism, bullying, discrimination, and many other things. This world is a place for everyone, so we should accept everyone and make them feel like they belong. Racism is unacceptable in this world, but people still make fun of others for the way they look. These acts have been going on for nearly 150 years, during the Middle Ages.

Ways we can prevent racism or help others who are dealing with getting racist comments are:

- *Develop empathy*
- *Understand what the person is feeling*
- *Know your facts when you are supporting the victim*
- *Be an upstander for the person getting racist comments*

God created us with our own unique features, so not everyone is the same. Therefore, we should not be racist to others, as we were created by the same person who created you. It's okay to have something unique about you—that's what makes you you. May we, families of St. Catherine of Siena, be true stewards of God.

With blessings and peace,

Isla Curtain 6R

An Open Letter to Saint Siena Parish

Dear Families and Children of St. Catherine of Siena Parish,

I'm writing to you today to talk about being stewards and caretakers of the Earth and of people. We shouldn't be taking more than we need.

Laudato Si' is a letter written by Pope Francis about caring for our common home, the Earth. In this letter, he talks about how we have started to treat the Earth poorly and how we must respond to the cry of the poor. We should be treating everyone with respect. Laudato Si' is also about respecting and caring for ourselves, our neighbours, and the Earth. Pope Francis also talks about ways we can reduce energy waste and how we are often taking more than we need.

Catholic Social Teachings are the body of Catholic doctrine on issues of social, economic, and ecological justice, grounded in Scripture and tradition. I will be talking about Care for Creation. In the Season of Creation 2025, we are called to live out stewardship by caring for God's creation with love and responsibility. As members of the local and broader community, we show our respect for the Earth, our common home, by protecting nature, using resources wisely, and caring for all living things. We are called to live at peace with creation.

A more recent example of someone who shows us how to be a good steward is Pope Leo XIV. He reminded the world that caring for the planet and people go hand in hand. Pope Leo has shown us that he cares about the Earth by continuing Pope Francis' legacy—like developing a solar farm for the Vatican. This can encourage us not to waste resources.

Two holy people who show us how to care for others and be stewards of the Earth are Saint Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, and Saint Francis of Assisi, who is a patron saint of ecology and the environment. St. Francis is best known for his deep sense of stewardship toward both people and the natural world. He treated all of creation—animals, plants, the sun, and even death itself—as part of one divine family. In his famous Canticle of the Sun, he praised the elements of nature as siblings, reflecting his belief that humans are not masters of the Earth but caretakers. He is said to have preached to birds and shown compassion to all creatures, inspiring others to live in harmony with the environment. Saint Mary MacKillop's actions showed deep respect for the Earth and people through her understanding of its connection to human needs and her call to live in harmony with creation.

The social issue I have chosen is deforestation. People have been cutting down way too many trees. It is not only bad for humans but also harmful to animals. Keep in mind that trees are home to many animals. You never know—you could be cutting down a bird's nest with babies or eggs inside. Here are some simple ways we can help stop deforestation:

- *Adopting a more plant-based diet*
- *Supporting the Forest Stewardship Council*
- *Planting trees*
- *Advocating for government policies that protect forests*
- *Reducing your consumption of products with unsustainable palm oil*

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis said, "The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." We should be taking care of the Earth, not destroying it. We should only be taking what we need.

Kind regards,

Jude

6 Red, Christ the Priest Catholic School

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear Parishioners of St Siena,

As a member of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live with kindness and loving hearts. I will be unpacking a Laudato Si' summary, social Catholic teachings, Pope Leo's actions towards stewardship, the saints, and what their actions were towards stewardship. I hope you like this because it shows my understanding and shows us why we should be stewards.

Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si' so we would care for our world because it is dying because of us, and we are taking more than we need. We need to STOP and help the poorest communities, plus the poorest communities are the most affected. We should help the poorest communities by donating and giving them money and food.

I will be talking about social Catholic teaching. My main issue is poverty, which means to help the poor. Like I said in the paragraph before, the poor are affected the most because of climate change and how we treat them. We can donate outfits, food, and money.

It is time to talk about the saints. Some saints that are associated with poverty are Saint Francis of Assisi – he is the saint of poverty. Here is one of his quotes: "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace," which might mean to help the poor. One of Mary MacKillop's quotes is: "Never see a need without doing something about it." And guess what? Helping the poor is something that you can do, and she made a school for people that did not have any money.

Pope Leo XIII is great. Let's look at some of his actions towards stewardship! He helped create good attitudes when there was none – like when he had lunch with the poor and he paid for all of it. Now that's how to be kind and get people to like you! We need to use AI properly. Pope Leo thinks that AI could take over the world, but it is also great.

We are all called to be stewards, and Jesus was a steward too, so we all can be stewards just like Jesus. Sadly, one of our problems in this world is poverty, and we can stop it. Some people are suffering because they are poor and have no access to food, so they have to beg for food. Is that good? No! So let's help them. These are some ways you can help:

- ❖ Donate food, outfits, and toys.*
- ❖ Give them money.*
- ❖ Pay for their food.*
- ❖ Fundraise for a whole community over social media.*

God created us with care and love, so let us help others, while caring for ourselves just as much.

With blessings, love, peace, and kindness,

A 6 Red student

Christ the Priest Catholic School

A Letter to the Children and Families of St Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear members of St Catherine of Siena Parish,

As members of St Catherine of Siena Parish, you can do so many things to contribute and show the kindness of St Catherine of Siena, and to represent her kindness and her stewardship to people. In following her legacy, we can pass on the stewardship and kindness to others.

*A way to guide you in being a steward is the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'*—a letter from our late Pope Francis, explaining what we can do and actions we can take for a better common home. His letter was in response to people not socialising and not having respect for each other.*

The Catholic Social Teachings are nine social justice principles to address social and economic issues. Dignity is one of these principles. Dignity is how we show respect to others, and they show respect to us. Luke 3:36: 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful'. This helps us become united and could mean less war.

Pope Leo XIV is currently the Pope. He focused on dignity when he said, "God loves every person and wants people to discover their values." Pope Leo wants us to have dignity and show stewardship so we respect each other. He showed this by wanting every person to have protected dignity. He also worked in Peru, helping the poor. Through dignity, we can have a wholesome environment where people thrive and strive to be kind.

Two saints that thrive for respect are St Thomas Aquinas and St Catherine of Siena. St Catherine of Siena showed this by helping the sick, and St Thomas Aquinas had a vow of poverty. They wanted people to have dignity and respect for everyone, as well as being united. We can also be open to friendship, because when we are friends with someone, we have respect for him/her. As St Thomas Aquinas said, 'There is nothing to be more appreciated than true friendship.'

A common issue nowadays is that people are being disrespected. People may not be noticing that they are disrespecting someone—like at school or work. Often, this is people saying offensive things or being unfair. If we value dignity, we respect others and treat them fairly. This way, we can uplift people's mood and encourage them to have dignity.

We can show dignity by:

- *Treating him/her with kindness*
- *Respecting her/his opinions and responding in a kind way*
- *Respecting her/his privacy*
- *Showing her/him empathy*
- *Listening to her/him*

As members of St Catherine of Siena's Parish, we should all show dignity and be stewards. God created you with dignity and a loving heart. By showing dignity to others, you can encourage her/him to show dignity to others. This can also help others to be stewards.

*From Massimo in 6 Red Class,
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An Open Letter to St Catherine Parish.

Dear Children and Families of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish,

I will be talking about how AI can help Laudato Si' and our new pope, Pope Leo XIV, also his mission for stewardship, and also how Pope Leo plans to make AI more useful for Laudato Si'.

Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home – planet Earth. So now you know what it is. AI can help Laudato Si' by making it way more easy for humans to achieve goals and remind the next generation, and religion can grow stronger. But then there is a bad side for AI – the possibility of its waste for selfish gain at the expense of others, or worse, to foment conflict and aggression.

Catholic Social Teaching is the Church's body of principles for social, economic, and social justice, derived from Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. Two key teachings on stewardship are the Christian concepts trust and stewardship from the origin or coming into being of something, which emphasize humans as caretakers with the power to determine and responsibility over creation, and the Buddhist principle of action, which highlights how our actions create future consequences and that all life is basically connected.

Pope Leo XIV models stewardship by acting as a responsible custodian of creation, continuing Pope Francis' importance, and solidarity with the poor, and promoting a Franciscan-inspired call for justice and peace in the face of digital and climate upheaval. This motivates us because Pope Leo is a role model, and he can teach us to be people of Jesus and try to be inside His footsteps as what He wanted us to be like. Even if you sin, you can turn your life to God.

Saint Carlo Acutis, who died of leukaemia, built multilingual websites to spread Catholic teaching, later earning him the nickname "God's Influencer." He created websites documenting "miracles" as a means of spreading Catholic teaching. Saint Thomas synthesized Christian thought with formal logic, producing influential works like the Summa, the study of God.

We must listen to Pope Leo's message so we can be people of stewards. It's what God wants us to do, and also to fulfill a God-given responsibility to care for the resources, people, and creation entrusted to us, reflecting a relationship with God and honoring His sovereignty.

*Best wishes,
Zavier Juhas.*

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear children and families of St. Catherine's,

As a member of the St Catherine of Siena parish and a follower of Christ, we are called to live with love, kindness, and responsibility. One thing special about being followers of Christ is stewardship. It means we need to take care of our common home (the Earth).

In pope Francis's letter (laudato si) he says "The challenges of global warming by creating a relational approach that included God, human beings and the Earth." It means we need to raise awareness on global warming. Global warming can affect humans and animals at the same time.

The church teaches us, through catholic social teaching (CST) that the Earth should be cared for and preserved carefully. This means that the Earth should be cared for and not treated as an unlimited resource. Being a steward of the Earth is an amazing responsibility to fulfill and act on. Two teachings of being stewards of creation are that humans are created in God's image and are given a responsibility to care for creation, as stated in the verse in Genesis 2:15.

An upstanding example of being stewards of the environment is Pope Leo XIV. He shows a deep commitment for the care of the environment. One example of this is, when he provided liturgy masses that focused on the Earth's protection. He has also advocated for ecological education.

Two saints that showed us the way to take care of the Earth are St Clare of Assisi and St Dorothy Day. These Saints remind us to always take care of the Earth and to go out of your way to always care for the world. St Clare of Assisi was declared by pope John Paul the second in 1979, he is the patron saint of ecology and animals.

One of the biggest problems in our world today is Global warming and the Earth decaying every day. God said in Genesis 1:28 "God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'". This means to take care of the earth instead of treating it like an unlimited resource.

Here are some easy things to do to protect the Earth.

- 1) Don't litter.
- 2) Start using the recycling bin.
- 3) Plant a tree.
- 4) Support small businesses.

Try to always be a steward of God. Care for the environment and do little things to help the world.

With Blessing and Peace,

Joshua Renaud

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

(Our Call to Care for God's People)

Dear children and families of St. Catherine's,

As members of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live with love, kindness, and responsibility. I would like to address one of the many problems humanity is facing. As stewards of God, we are called not just to look after our common home -earth-, but, each other. We are caretakers of the world, but how can we look after the earth if we can't even accept each other? Racism and Discrimination are real. WE may not undergo it, but many people on this earth get hurt every day, just because they look or act differently compared to other people.

In his letter *Luadato Si* Pope Francis teaches us that we are all connected, the trees, animals, environment and us, humans. *Luadato Si* reminds us that it is very important to care about the environment and creatures that God has trusted us to look after. But it is also important for us to care for each other, especially the ones who need it most, like the poor, unfortunate, sick, hurting or lonely. Pope Francis told us that we need to unite as one global family and accept each other for who we are, and understand each other, no matter where we are from or how we look. WE ARE ALL HUMANS.

Dignity, one of the Catholic Social Teachings, tells us that every person in the world, no matter how they look, act or think, has dignity. This means that we don't judge someone by how their lifestyle is, how much money they have, how they dress, where they are from, and more. They deserve kindness, respect and the feeling that they belong. A bible passage inspired by this is 'God cares how we treat each other because we're all created in His image' (*Genesis 1:27*). Being a steward of God means making sure that everybody has a voice and gets included.

One of the most important, and recent example of a steward of God is Pope Leo XIV. He is acting as the spiritual leader and voice of over a billion Catholics all over the world. He is promoting peace and justice and is teaching us that caring for the world and caring for us, humans, go hand in hand. He speaks about looking after the environment but also, the people who need it. Pope Leo is teaching us to make the world a fairer place for everybody. He shows us that being a steward of God is not just caring for our Common Home but also each other.

Two holy people that show us how to live this way are St. Katharine Drexel and St. Damian the Leper of Monokai. St. Katharine teaches us that even if we have more than others, it doesn't mean we are better than them or deserve more respect or kindness than the other people in the world. St. Damian the Leper of Monokai gave up his life of travel and missions to live with and tend to a group of lepers who lived on the outer island of Hawaii. He gave them the love and kindness they never got, even though it was an incurable disease that he would later get infected by and pass away.

You don't have to be an important person or an adult to make a difference and help others. Here are a few simple things you can do to be a steward of God:

- Invite people who are alone to come join you at recess or lunch
- Donate clothes, food, or a few dollars to a charity to help those in need
- Respect and include everyone, no matter their race or ethnicity
- Say prayers for those going through hard times
- Accept everyone for who they are and be polite

God created all of us in his image, we just need to accept each other for who we are on the inside, not how we look on the outside. We are all humans. Being a steward of God means caring for the environment and each other. By doing this, we can make the world a better place for everyone.

May we, as the young people and families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, always continue to serve, welcome and be stewards of God, and make the world a better place, together.

With Sincere Blessings and Peace,
Bella

An Open Letter To The Children And Families Of St Catherine Of Siena Parish

Our Call To Care For God's People

Dear children and families of St. Catherine of Siena,

As members of our Parish and followers of Jesus Christ, our saviour, we are all given the gift of love, joy and responsibility. We all should follow Jesus's footsteps to become kind, respectful stewards. We should all be caretakers, not just to the Earth, but to all human beings. We can achieve this by not leaving anyone out, by treating everyone how you would like to be treated, and to do what is right.

In Pope Francis's letter *Laudato Si'*, published in 2015, he reminds us all to be stewards of hope, and to share out the word of God. He says that we are all connected - people, animals, and nature. Although people think about caring for their belongings and nature, they forget about all the poor, hungry, sick, and lonely. *Laudato Si'* reminds us to care for our common home and to love one another.

The Catholic Church teaches us through Catholic Social Teaching, that every human person in this world has dignity because they are made from the image of God. That is who we were meant to be. This means that it doesn't matter where we come from, our culture, our traditions, the way we look, or what we have - we are all meant to be treated fairly. Most importantly, all people should have the same rights as everyone else.

One really important person that shows us how to be a steward is Pope Leo XIV. He reminded the whole world to care for our planet and us humans so that we can spread the word of God. He always takes care of the world and people, especially the people that are mistreated, the sick, the poor and the lonely. He said "God's joy is not loud, but it truly changes history and brings us closer to one another." He encouraged people and spoke out to us to make the world fairer and happier. He still shows us today that being a steward is when no one is left behind.

Two stewards that both showed examples of stewardship are St Therese of Lisieux and Saint Martin de Porres. St Therese of Lisieux was born on the 2nd of January 1873 in Alencon France, and died on the 30th of September 1897. She is a French Carmelite nun, and she is also known as the "Little Flower of Jesus." St Martin de Porres was born on the 9th of December 1579 in Peru, and died on the 3rd of November 1639. He was also a Peruvian Dominican lay brother. Both of these important Saints showed that being close to Jesus means that we have to serve others with a heart full of joy and love.

One of the biggest problems in the world today is when people are mistreated, forgotten, and the people that think that they do not belong. Which means that they are very, very lonely. In the Bible, a passage reads "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus". This scripture from Galatians 3:28 teaches us that it doesn't matter what we are and who we are, we are all treated and made from God's image.

Everyone in the whole entire world can do something to include others. There are heaps of simple ways to include others like...

- Smile at someone.
- Say a joke at the right time.
- Say some prayers to someone.
- Include others when you know when they are left out.

God has created us for a good reason, and with a loving and inclusive heart. He created us to do what Jesus does by including and helping others. May we as a community at St Catherine of Siena help and include people, no matter who they are. Also, may we try to be good, inclusive stewards, and be ready to serve wherever we go.

With peace and blessings,

Fabiano Mennea a member from 6 Blue

Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear children and families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish,

As members of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are all called to live in Compassion, Devotion Towards God and Responsibility. Being stewards for people isn't the only way we can be stewards of creation. We can also be stewards of the environment. By being stewards of people and the environment, we can go forward, step by step, in protecting our special gift from God, Earth. By following the simple steps discussed later on in this letter, we can stop a massive problem in our world. Exclusion online, and in real life.

After finishing his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, published in 2015, Pope Francis had a strong message in his letter about the connectedness of people, animals, nature, and the whole world. One of Pope Francis' ideas is the connectedness of people. Connectedness of people plays a big role in our world wide problem, which is exclusive in real life and online.

Two Catholic Social Teachings are about Dignity and Solidarity. Many people feel lonely because of being excluded from the community. Many kids and adults, mainly elders, are affected by being excluded because all of their friends and family probably would've passed away. This loneliness and feeling of being excluded impacts everyday people and changes their whole life, creating a dark gloomy world for them to live in. Dignity is when we have respect for everyone in the world, no matter what they look or sound like. Solidarity is when people are together as a team to support each other in life. Genesis 1:27 even states, "So God created man in his image", which means God loves us the way we are created.

Pope Leo the XIV also supports the idea of togetherness, and including people in our everyday life even if they are old, young, or even in people in the middle. Pope Leo has encouraged us through his life example and work, as he has given food to the poor, and has invited them for supper. This inclusivity is what we need in our everyday life.

Saint Mary Mackillop and Saint Carlos Acutis also demonstrate these Catholic Social Teachings. Saint Mary Mackillop showed us Dignity and Solidarity by including kids who were poor into her school for free! Saint Carlos Acutis helped the poor whether they are different or not. Plus, he also has a website so you can learn more about Jesus and eucharistic miracles, which can be accessed by anyone. These actions make the world a better place.

Since loneliness is such a big problem in our world today, here are four ways to help people feel included.

1. Include others in real life and online.
2. Be nice to people like saying hi, good morning and how are you?
3. Be empathetic ("put yourself in other peoples shoes")
4. Showing service and helping people who might think they are excluded.

All these ways can help the world become a better place and so all these young to old people can live happily.

Johan

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St.Catherine of Siena Parish

Our call to care for God's People

Dear children and families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

As followers of Jesus Christ and members of our parish community, we are called to show kindness, love and most importantly stewardship. God gave us the gift of nature, and it is our job to be stewards and take care of our beautiful home. This also means coming together as one whole community and to look out for each other with respect.

Our late Pope Francis wrote a letter *Laudato Si'*, published in 2015. He addresses the problems in our world. One of the main problems that he addressed was the chaotic and destructive state of the environment we now live in. Many people in the world don't have anyone to talk to and often feel very lonely. People such as the homeless and people in need. We, as stewards, can fix this by doing simple things, such as saying 'hi' to somebody, or even giving them a smile.

Our church teaches us through Catholic Social Teaching that every person has dignity, because we are children of God. This means that we should not discriminate against anyone. No matter what they look like, what they sound like or what they believe in. As stewards, God wants us to come together as one and treat each other with fairness and not discrimination.

A great example of a steward is Pope Leo XIV. He is steward by continuing to live out the vision of *Laudato Si'*, and putting God's word into action. He speaks out about all of the problems in the world, one of the main problems being AI and social media. He believes that AI is a good thing, but can also be used as a bad thing. Pope Leo is a prime example of what a steward is, and we have to follow in his footsteps.

Two amazing Saints that also showed us how to be stewards were Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Thomas Aquinas. Saint Carlo Acutis showed a deep love for God from a young age. He created a website all about God, the Eucharistic miracles, and how people can turn to him. He is now the Patron saint of technology. Saint Thomas Aquinas also loved God from a young age. He felt that his faith was a gift from God, and he is now the Patron Saint of students, universities, Catholic schools, philosophers and theologians. Both of these great Saints taught us how to be followers of God and how we can be stewards just like them.

One problem in our world today is the lack of work and participation. This is mainly because of AI and social media. AI is taking over the world, especially for kids. Kids rely on AI more than their parents. And because of this, these kids don't have friends. So instead of socialising with other students, they often use an AI bot in place of a real friend. As I have mentioned, Pope Leo the XIV recognizes this problem, and he is doing everything he can to stop it. This takes so much courage, and that is why we have to be just like him, and follow in his footsteps and take after his courage.

Studies show that 1 in 5 children have no friends. This is a huge problem. We, as stewards, can make a difference in this by doing simple things like...

- Inviting someone who might be lonely in your game
- Include others who might look like they have no friends
- Tell them a joke
- Pray for them

God created every single person in the world for a good reason. So we, as stewards of this world, are called to make the place we call home a better place. This is what God wants us to do, so we have to make him proud.

With tons of love,

Josh, a member of 6 Blue

An open letter to the Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our call to care for God's people

Dear families of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish,

As members of our faith community and followers of God, we are all called to live in the way of our Lord; in kindness, love and responsibility. One of the most important parts of this Stewardship; taking care of our planet and the people that live there. God asks us to do this, so as to live out our calling for us; to make the world just a little better than how we found it.

In the letter written by the late Pope Francis in 2015, titled '*Laudato Si*', he reminds us that everything in this world is connected in some way. This means that people, animals, plants and nature are all connected in one big way - we were all made by God, in God's image. It is also very important to care for those most vulnerable; the sick, lonely and the elderly.

The church also teaches us through the Nine Catholic Social Teachings; a group of teachings set in place to help us live a life of God. One of the most important of these teachings is that everyone and everything is well deserving of dignity, as they are all created in the image, and likeness of God. This means that, no matter their wealth, social status, ethnicity or race, everyone is deserving of our respect. But sadly, this has not always been the case in some places. The best way to do this is to do your best not to exclude others and always lend a helping hand to those who need it most.

A more modern example of this is our current Pope, Leo the XIV. He has reminded us that stewardship of people is just as important as stewardship of creation, further expanding on *Laudato Si*. He has also expressed his thoughts on helping the most vulnerable people in our communities; the poor, elderly and the sick. He has already shown, in only five months of being Pope, his aim to be a steward and bring hope to our desperate world. He was already doing missions in Peru and was also the head of all of the Augustinian order; and he's also passionate about making young people into stewards to revert the damage we have caused as a world community.

Another two really good examples of how to live out our lives in a way that God approves are St. Mary Of The Cross Mackillop, Australia's first Saint, and Saint Carlo Acutis. These two holy people were both really good example stewards. St. Mary was always caring for the poorest, most outcast and needy people, cementing herself as a steward of people. Carlo Acutis was also a steward of people, but in a different way. He set up a website teaching people all about God, and for people to evangelise; this website is still up today!

One of our biggest problems coming up in our world today is the increased amount of lonely, excluded people in our world. The greatest number of these people are poor, refugees and the homeless. "In Christ, such as for believers in the church, there is no division between Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, because all are one in Christ" (Galatians 3:28) This means all Christians are united, and this can be further extended to ALL people in the world.

You don't have to be an adult to help change this though.

Some small ways to change this are:

- Inviting someone to join a club/game
- Helping people that are left out to do their work
- Talk to the lonely or outcast people in your community
- Be generally kind everyone, no matter race, wealth or religion

God has created us all with loving hearts that are just waiting to be used; it's up to you to use it. If you feel like you can't do anything, remember that God is with you, and you are never alone in your struggles. As long as you push on and try to be a steward of nature and people, you will find that it won't be too hard to complete the tasks at hand.

With regards,
Julian, a member of 6B, at CTP.

If you read to the end, thank you very much. This was a lot of effort for me and my classmates and I really appreciate it. :))

An Open Letter To The Children And Families Of St. Catherine Of Siena Parish

Our Call To Care For God's people

Dear children and families of St. Catherine's,

We are all called to live with kindness, love, and responsibility as members of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ. A really important part of this is being stewards. By being stewards, we can take care of not just our common home, but especially people in need. We are asked to look out for one another like brothers and sisters, stand up for everyone in need, and to treat everyone with love, kindness and respect.

Published in 2015, our late Pope Francis reminds us in his letter, *Laudato Si'*, that everyone is connected and should stand up for one another to protect our common home. While caring for our common home and nature is important, it is also very important to care for one another and to help each other. Especially those who are poor, sick, lonely and the people in need.

Through Catholic Social Teachings, the church teaches us that everyone has dignity, because we are all beautifully made in God's image. This means that no matter what they believe and where they come from, they shouldn't be left out, and should receive the same amount of love and respect as everyone else. God wants us to be stewards, and to do that, we need to help others when they need it, listen to others, treat everyone with equity, and make sure that no one is left out or feeling like they don't belong.

Our new Pope, Leo XIV, is a great example of a person who shows stewardship. He reminds us that caring for our Earth is important, but caring for people is also important, as there are many forgotten people that are struggling a lot. Such as the homeless, the sick and the lonely people. He encourages us to work together to make the world a safe and happy home for everyone by making it kinder, fairer and less pollutive for everyone. He thinks that being a steward is doing everything with love and making sure everyone is welcome in God's family.

Two holy saints that showed dignity were St. Mary MacKillop and St. Francis of Assisi. St. Mary was a kind person that reminds us to "Never see a need without doing something about it". No matter who the person is, how much money they have, and what they have done. St. Francis of Assisi was also another faithful person that reminds us to treat everyone like family and to live simply. He did this by rejecting his wealth from his wealthy family, and embracing poverty like everyone else near him.

There are many big problems in this world today, but one of the greatest ones is when people are excluded, forgotten, or made to feel like they don't belong by many people that make unkind choices. This usually happens to those who have disabilities, the homeless and the elderly. Jesus teaches us in the Gospel of Luke to "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). This means to treat others the way you want them to treat you and teaches us to treat others with equity.

Everyone can help others by doing simple things. These are some simple ways to help others:

- Invite someone to play or have lunch with you.
- Visit a house that doesn't usually get visited.
- Pray for someone that you think needs God's help.
- Treat everyone with equity, no matter who they are.

God gave you the ability to help and care for others, and by using it, you are being a steward to help make our common home the best place for everyone. We, the children and families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, can be true stewards, always ready to serve others and make an action step by step, to make our common home a better place for everyone.

With hope and peace,
Karas From Year 6 Blue

An open letter to the children and families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear children and families of St. Catherine, our parish and followers of Jesus Christ,

We are always called to live with love, hope, joy, kindness, and responsibility. Also one special thing about it is calling being steward, but it's not just the earth it's especially of people. That also means God is asking us to look after another, to be an upstander for people that are in need of support and help. Also to treat people with respect, compassion, and being fair.

Laudato si actually means the name of Pope Francis, a meaning saying to care for our common home. Pope Francis is the first one to write a Laudato si letter back in 2015. It was written because it was to raise the climate crisis and urgent ecological problems because it was concerning him. Poverty is a social issue that lacks the resources that meet the common human needs.

The church has been teaching us about Catholic social teaching, Catholic social teaching is a big problem in the community. Everyone in the world has dignity no matter who they are or what they did. It also shows the stewardship of people and the kind of person they are. Dignity shows respect and love by making sure no one is left out, feeling loved, and being happy.

Pope Leo was being a role model by really having the commitment to the church, which shows the stewardships that Pope Leo has. He showed us to care and love for others, also showing and telling us how to care for our common world. It encourages us because the communities always work together as a team and help each other to care for the common home and each other, making sure the world is clean, peaceful, and full of kindness.

Saint Mother Teresa showed dignity to everyone, with respect and kindness. She provided dignity to the people that were forgotten to be taken care of, so she took care of them. In her eyes she saw God in every person she met and took care of. She is known for taking care of others in her long life services to the poor. "Poverty doesn't only consist of being hungry for bread, but rather it is a tremendous hunger for human dignity. We need to love and to be somebody for someone else" - Saint Mother Teresa

A big social teaching today is poverty, poverty is in need of help because we can start investing into education that can improve the access to healthcare. Some small actions to stop poverty to care for others. God gave us a life to stop poverty. It can encourage us to help us to care and enough to stop poverty in the world. We should care about poverty because it's a big problem in our common world.

With blessing and peace
Katrina

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear children and families of St. Catherine's,

We are all members of our parish, therefore we are called to live with kindness, compassion and have respect for one another. However, one special and important part is being stewards, not only to the Earth but to people and our peers. We are inspired by God and God tells us to look out for one another and to stand up for those in need. But most importantly, to treat everyone with respect and compassion.

Pope Francis wrote an encyclical to the world. It was 'Laudato Si.' This meant that we should care for our common home- the Earth- but not only care for the Earth but care about people. Especially those who are less wealthy than us.

We are taught by the church that through Catholic Social Teachings, everyone has dignity because they are created in the image of God. This means that no matter where someone is from, how wealthy they are, what their appearance looks like or what they do, they deserve to be respected and also deserve kindness and love. A key quote on stewardship from Catholic social teaching comes from the U.S. Bishops, who state, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 'Steward' is a powerful word. This word not only means to follow Jesus' saying and teaching, but being a steward of people also means helping others. It means listening to someone when they are sad, standing up for what is right and most importantly, making sure no one is left out.

There is a recent example of someone who shows us how to be a good steward. This special person is 'Pope Leo XIV.' He alerted and reminded the world- our common home- that caring for our planet and people go hand in hand. He often spoke about protecting the Earth, but also made sure to speak up for those who are struggling, forgotten and less fortunate than us. Pope Leo XIV gathered his courage and encouraged Catholic communities to contribute and work as a team to make the world fairer, kinder and more cleaner. He is a role model who shows that being a steward means that speaking the truth with love and making sure that no one is left behind in God's family.

Two holy people who show us how to live this way are, St Francis Assisi and St John Paul II. St. Francis viewed creation with wonder, seeing it as a special gift and calling for thanksgiving and care for nature. St. John Paul II emphasized this "transformation of hearts and mind" encouraging a deep respect for Earth as a common home that humanity has neglected and damaged. There isn't a direct quote about stewardship attributed to "St. Paul of Assisi," as Paul is the Apostle and Francis is the saint from Assisi. However, the Apostle Paul describes his role as a steward of God's mysteries in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 which reads, "This is how one should regard us, as the servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy". These two saints tell us that we should always care for our common home and be stewards who care for our common home.

People feeling like they don't belong, people getting mistreated and forgotten are one of the greatest problems in our world today. Simple actions such as helping those who are mistreated, standing up for people, being an upstander and so many more can fix these issues. One simple sentence you can remember is that 'when we help others, you are helping Jesus.' We must always try to do one small action to help our common home.

With sincere Blessings and Peace,
Lauren Oh

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear Children and Families of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish,

We follow Jesus' footsteps, so we are called to be stewards. As members of the Parish we have to live out kindness, love, and mercy. We have a special gift, called Earth, and consequently we are called to look after Earth and each other. Calling us to become better followers of Christ. We need to stand up for what is right and treat everyone like you want to be treated.

Our late Pope Francis' letter, *Laudato Si'*, published in 2015 addressed two important issues. These issues were environmental danger and social issues within our world. A quote from Our Late Pope Francis says "The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." This means that we must look after the world more. To put this into action, we need to care for our common home and treat others respectfully. Especially those in poverty and in need.

Catholic Social Teaching is important because it makes up our faith. Options for the poor and solidarity go together. Everyone wants to be loved and cared for. The poor are the most unloved and often, are very lonely. Solidarity calls us to be united in God's family. Inviting everyone into it, no matter how much money, their race, or religion. We can be stewards in this scenario by respecting the poor and looking out for them.

An example of a good steward is our current Pope, Pope Leo the XIV. He is modeling stewardship by living out *Laudato Si'*. He has been caring for others and most importantly the Earth. He also spoke about social interaction and caring for the poor. The people in poverty are the most vulnerable, especially those on the streets. The one main thing that is affecting all of these things is AI and social media. They are both affecting our Earth, relationships and people. Pope Leo shows us that being a steward means caring, respecting and being honest.

Two Saints that care for the ones in poverty are St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Vincent De Paul. They both teach us to give and not receive, to donate and care for the ones in poverty. St Mary MacKillop is a great example of helping the poor. She, and the Josephite nuns, opened 117 schools! A famous quote from St Mary MacKillop is 'Never see a need without doing something about it. 'This means to do something if someone is in need. On the other hand, St Vincent De Paul is the minister of the poor. He is also the patron saint of donating and charities. A quote from St. Vincent De Paul says, "Go to the poor: you will find God". This is because the poor are the most humble of all humanity.

One of the largest problems in society today is poverty. In fact 3.3 million people are in poverty. To make matters worse, 750,000 of that 3.3 million are children. The people in poverty are lonely, and often unhealthy. Matthew 5:3, states "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" . This means that the rich are poor in heaven and the poor are rich in heaven, money does nothing in heaven.

Some small ways you can fix this is by:

- Donating
- Raise awareness about poverty
- Give don't receive
- Don't be greedy

If we spread the word of God, not just to Christians, but to everyone, we will have a more faith-filled world. More kind and more people who show the traits of stewardship. May we, as members of the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, be stewards and help those in poverty.

From Sebastian, a member of 6 Blue

An open letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our call to care for God's People

Dear children and families of St Catherine of Siena Parish

We are all called to be stewards. As members of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ, our saviour, we all are called to act with love, kindness and responsibility. A big role in doing this is being a steward of creation. We have been gifted with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus intended us to help the world with these blessings. God wants us to make the world a better place so humanity may be filled with peace. We must not ignore the call that Jesus gives us to help the Earth.

There is a specific, astonishing letter, written by our amazing late Pope Francis. Published in 2015, *Laudato Si* is about caring for God's creation, and our common home, the Earth. This letter was created due to the climate crisis in 2015 which was getting worse and worse. People at the time urged the Pope to respond to this disaster. This disaster affected millions. Especially the poorer communities. But, through the papal letter *Laudato Si*, our late Holy Father's words filled everyone with hope that we can overcome the crisis.

Catholic Social Teachings are church teachings based around social justice and human dignity. Their aim is to address the social issues in the world and to foster the common good. A spectacular Catholic Social Teaching is an option for the poor. This connects with stewardship by not letting people suffer, and by helping them. In the gospel reading Luke 4:18-19, Jesus states that we need to "proclaim good news to the poor and give liberty to the oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord's favour". This connects to the option for the poor by addressing the human suffering in the world, and declaring Jesus's mission to bring good to them.

After the sorrowful death of Pope Francis, an outstanding new Pope came, Pope Leo XIV. He has shown marvelous actions of stewardship, even in his early days of papacy. As a Pope, he has demonstrated actions that can help the poor and bring hope to the world. Before being a Pope, he was a Augustinian priest, and worked himself to the absolute limit to do incredible missionary work in The Republic Of Peru. These amazing acts of work must encourage us to do incredible acts of stewardship ourselves. Not just for ourselves, but for all of God's creation.

One remarkable Saint, and one phenomenal blessed person who showed many acts of stewardship were Saint Mary MacKillop and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Mary MacKillop founded St. Joseph's school, along with Father Wood, to make a free Catholic school for the poor. Mary MacKillop's famous quote, "never see a need without doing something about it", tells to help those in need. Saint Teresa of Calcutta was an Albanian-Roman nun who chose to live in poverty and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland at 18. She would furthermore do missionary work in India, founding the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 for the poorest and most vulnerable people of India.

As I have discussed throughout this piece, we must be stewards of people. We need to help the misfortune present in our world, and end suffering once and for all. Even if it's through little actions. Little actions can make massive impacts on people's mental health or happiness, and can make a big difference if we work together.

We can help this issue and become stewards by:

- Donating to the poor
- Asking homeless people how their day was
- Encourage them to have hope
- Volunteer for jobs that help the poor like a soup kitchen
- Raise awareness for the homeless

You can do it! You, and everyone in the community can make a massive difference with small changes.

We need to care for the suffering so that they can experience and enjoy life to the fullest. We must not let human suffering stay for future generations, because it's our duty as followers of Christ to be better stewards.

Yours faithfully

Mason

An open letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish - Our call to care for God's people

Dear children and families of St Catherine's,

My name is Amanda , and today I will talk about how we can be better stewards of creation. As members of our parish and followers of Jesus Christ , we are called to live out God's word and love and care for others. In our world bad things are happening , wars , racism , discrimination and people not being good stewards of creation.

Laudato Si' is a letter written by Pope Francis , he tells us that we have to be stewards of our creation. He explains that we have to love and care for one another , he also tells us we have to care for our common home. Our common home is the world we live in today , sometimes we can do things that aren't good for our creation. Like littering , deforestation or pollution all these things damage our common home which is one of the main reasons Laudato Si' was written. In the letter Pope Francis tells us to care for our common home , we can do this by recycling , disposing waste properly and supporting efforts to restore ecosystems.

There are 7 Catholic social teachings , 2 of them are dignity and the common good. When we show dignity we accept that we are all beautiful and unique , we show each other an equal amount of respect. The common good is making sure we know that Earth's fruits belong to everyone and no one should be excluded. There are 2 bible verses that represent these 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them'- Genesis 1:26-27 and "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" - 1 Corinthians 12:7 both of these verses represent the common good and dignity well.

A good example of someone who showed stewardship is Pope Leo the XIV. Pope Leo shows stewardship by always caring for our earth and everyone around him. He models this by advocating environmental protection , he calls out the problem and initiates it and makes a move to try and fix it.

There are many saints who showed Stewardship , two of them are St Mary Makillop and St Catherine of Siena. As we all know , St Mary tells us that we should never see a need without doing something about it and St Catherine tells us to be who God meant you to be and you'll set the world on fire. They both always helped others and strived beside Jesus , showing stewardship wherever they went just as we should.

In our world there are a lot of social issues , one of them being discrimination. Discrimination is a serious social issue many people today face , through many ways shapes and forms discrimination happens. Though we can use simple actions we do everyday to stop discrimination:

- You can accept everyone
- Treat everyone equally
- Show respect to everyone
- Raise awareness

All of these ways can be used for us to stop discrimination. By using these we can make a difference in our world because just by doing this , we are being good stewards of our world.

With blessings and peace,
-Amanda

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear children and families of St. Catherine's,

We are followers of Jesus Christ and members of our parish community. As followers of Jesus we are taught to love one another like brothers and sisters, respect one another, and to take care of our Earth. One of our biggest responsibilities as followers of Jesus, is to be stewards of God. Being a steward is not just taking care of our planet, it's also taking care of each other. We should be able to stand up for one another and treat everyone with respect and love.

In Pope Francis' letter, *Laudato Si'*, he states that we need to take care of our planet and that we're all connected. *Laudato Si'* was written because Pope Francis noticed that we weren't taking care of our planet and that we weren't being stewards of God.

Catholic social teachings teach us that we need to show solidarity. This doesn't mean that we're all actually related, but that we're all connected by the Eucharist. Another Catholic Social Teaching is dignity, dignity teaches us that we are all made in the image of God, each of us is unique and beautiful no matter what. In Genesis 1:27 it says "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them," This verse tells us that we're all created by God's image and that we should all treat each other fairly.

Pope Leo XIV is a great example of a person who shows stewardship. He always teaches how to be stewards, and how to care for our Earth. He doesn't just teach us to care for the Earth, but to also care for each and every one of us. His actions should encourage us because Pope Leo is taking great care of our earth and by following in his actions we can make the world a better place.

Two other holy people that show stewardship are Blessed Carlo Acutis and St Mary MacKillop. Saint Mary MacKillop showed a great amount of stewardship because she believed that we should never see a need without doing something about it. Blessed Carlo Acutis was a man who always found ways to spread God's teaching. He showed stewardship due to the amount of charity work and his selflessness.

There are many social issues in our world, but one of them is discrimination. Discrimination is one of the worst problems we have, people aren't getting treated right and we're excluding people because they're different. This is definitely not what God is teaching us, he teaches us to all accept each other for who we are.

Here are some ways we can help stop discrimination:

- Include everyone no matter what
- Be respectful to everyone
- Pray for people who need it
- Help someone in need

By following these simple actions we can make a huge difference in our world. Remember we are all God's creation, so we all belong.

With blessings and peace,
Angel

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St.Catherine of Siena Parish

Dear children and families of St Catherine's

As members of the Catholic Church, we are called to show love, kindness, and almsgiving. It is important that we show stewardship not only for our common home, the Earth, but also for humanity, especially those who are less fortunate than us. God calls us to treat each other with respect, uphold human dignity, and treat others the way we would like to be treated.

In the letter *Laudato Si*, written in 2015 by Pope Francis, we are called to care for our common home, which is the Earth, and to care for our community. This could look like not polluting your local area. He also speaks about protecting the environment and looking after God's creation.

Catholic Social Teaching is the Church's set of principles for social, economic, and ecological justice. Some Catholic Social Teachings I will focus on are the common good and human dignity. The common good refers to the wellbeing of society, such as clean air, safe neighbourhoods, and basic human rights. I chose this because there is a lot of conflict in our world, and I want us to work on resolving it. Human dignity means that everyone has free will and the right to essential needs such as food and water. I chose this because there are children in other countries who are starving and do not have access to clean water, and we need to help fix this.

Pope Leo XIII showed us how to be stewards of creation by encouraging us to care for the environment and avoid polluting it.

Two saints who showed service and stewardship are St Francis of Assisi and St Patrick. St Francis of Assisi showed stewardship by treating all of God's creation including people, animals, and the environment with love, respect, and compassion. St Patrick showed stewardship through giving, praying, and serving, and he also remembered to help the poor.

Some of the biggest problems we face in the world today are discrimination, pollution, and inflation. To help solve these problems, we can speak out against racism, donate things we don't need, and take responsibility for our waste by putting rubbish in the bin instead of leaving it on the ground where it can blow away.

With sincere Blessings and Peace,

Demetri Nidras

An Open Letter to the Children and Families of St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Our Call to Care for God's People

Dear children and families of St Catherine's,

As followers of Jesus Christ and a member of our parish, we are all called to live with kindness, love, responsibility and stewardship. It is also special to be stewards and show stewardship, which is caring for the earth and especially people. God asks us to be kind, respectful, helping those in need and standing up for others.

Laudato Si' was written by Pope Francis, he reminds us that we shall care for our environment and the world we live in. It's very important to care for many people, those who are sick, sorrowful, poor and alone. Pope Francis also reminds us to connect to nature, animals and our beautiful environment and be stewards.

The Church teaches us through the Catholic Social Teaching that we are all made in God's image and all of us have dignity. No matter what they look like or where someone's from, their religions and beliefs, everyone deserves kindness and respect. As stewards we help others and so what's right, we shall show these examples and show stewardship to everyone. 2 catholic social teaching that relates to stewardship is Stewardship of God's creation and the Common Good. Micah 6:8 ("Act justly, and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.")

Another great example of someone that shows stewardship is Pope Leo XIV. He is a great steward, he teaches us what stewardship is and to take care of our planet and care for everyone. But we shall also help those who are struggling, poor, sick or lonely. Pope Leo always encourages us, Catholic churches and communities to work together to make this world a better place.

Two holy people that show stewardship and show us how to live are St Mary Mackillop and St Therese of Lisieux. St Mary and Therese showed us great love, kindness and stewardship. St Therese shows us to do things with great love, and St Mary Mackillop teaches us to never see a need without doing something about it. Both of them were really close with Jesus and have a great loving heart.

One of the problems in this world that is forgotten and normalized is racism, people make the meanest comments of people's skin colour, how they look, what they believe and their religion. No matter where we come from or our culture or what we look like no one deserves to be treated differently or being made fun of. Jesus teaches us to treat our brothers and sisters nicely and fairly and not judge people's looks. In (Deuteronomy 10:17) "God cares about people regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, and social status."

Here are some ways ways to be children of God:

- . Donate to charities (e.g food, old clothes, toys)
- . Say a prayer for someone who is struggling
- . Be kind and respectful

God created you for a purpose and by caring for others and being stewards just like Jesus helped the world be a better place.

May we as members of St Catherine of Siena Parish be stewards and have faith.

With blessings and peace,

Kelly