

Program Two: Who Is in Greatest Peril?

How themes and goals of eco justice and social justice are interrelated, especially with regard to the poor, to women, the disabled and elderly.

Materials

Videos

- Program Two: Who Is in Greatest Peril?

Websites

Visit the websites of people interviewed for this series:

- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Alderville First Nation Black Oak Savanna
- Elliot Allen Institute of Theology and Ecology
- Farmland Legacies Project
- Heirloom Seed Sanctuary
- Inter-Church Uranium Committee Educational Co-operative (ICUCEC)
- Justice and Peace Commission
- Madonna House
- Prairie Garden Seeds
- Scarborough Missions
- Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Gabriel's Parish, Willowdale, ON
- St. Joseph Villa Retreat and Ecology Centre
- St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, SK

Documents

- Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment June 2015. Coming Soon
- Building a New Culture - Central Themes in Recent Church Teaching on the Environment

Read the original documents for papal statements quotes in this program:

- John Paul II, Message for the World Day of Peace (January 1, 1990)
- Benedict XVI, Message to Brazilian Bishops for the 2011 Brotherhood Campaign (February 16, 2011)
- John Paul II, Address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (March 12, 1999)
- Francis, General Audience (June 5, 2013)

Books

- Ten Commandments for the Environment Benedict XVI. Ave Maria Press. 2009



Study Guide

Goal

The goal of Program Two is to the interrelationship between eco justice and social justice teachings of the Church, asking students to examine who is in greatest need as result of the environmental crisis.

Steps

1. Show the video "Program Two: Who Is in Greatest Peril?"
2. Ask students to form small groups to describe the following impressions from the video:
 - Who are most affected by the environmental crisis?
 - Who is trying to improve the situation and how?
 - What did you know after viewing the video that you didn't know before?
 - Which quote from what pope in this episode means the most to you and why?
3. Option for Take-Home Assignment. Using the internet, find more facts about:
 - Existing Catholic eco justice initiatives
 - The writings of Popes on the environment
4. Write 1.5 pages on the results of your research.
5. Group discussion
In groups, first share your short essays and then, asking one person to represent the discussion, make presentations to the class about any or all of the above.
Include suggestions on how students could start an ongoing eco justice project or become involved with local Catholic eco justice projects already in existence.