

# ***A LIVELY AND ENLIGHTENED FAITH***

## **Catholic Social Teaching in the Viatorian Community**

### **2. Care for God's Creation**

*Christ calls us to preserve the world  
by being good stewards of it as God's gift to humanity.*



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#### **Questions for Reflection**

**1.1** What things do you feel called to be a good steward of? How can you care for God's Creation?

**1.2** Did you imagine sustainable agriculture and making a profit could both be possible? How do profitability and cost considerations help us incorporate greener practices?

**2.1** Mary explains sustainability is only using what resources you need and understanding what the environment naturally provides. Do you try to live sustainably? Why might it be challenging?

**2.2** Mary suggests "committing to voluntary simplicity." What parts of our lives might involve unnecessary complexity and excess? What are areas where we could be mindful and reduce use?

**2.3** Are you hopeful for environmental justice? What are you drawn to do in response?

**3.1** CST encourages subsidiarity, that actions should occur on the most local level possible. How do these gardens and donations honor that?

**3.2** How does care for God's Creation relate to the integral actions of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy?

**3.3** Care for God's Creation is often associated with consumption, pollution, and waste. What is the relevance of animals, insects, and plant life? How do these factor into our good stewardship?



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