

Option for poor and vulnerable - Maths

All people are sacred, made in the image and likeness of God. People do not lose dignity because of disability, poverty, age, lack of success, or race. We believe every human person is made in the image and likeness of God. This is a gift that we all share as fellow human beings; we are all infinitely loved by our Creator. God is present in every human person, regardless of religion, culture, nationality, orientation, or economic standing. Each one of us is unique and beautiful. We are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect.



Task: Using the grid calculate the number of houses in this slum. Convert this into a decimal. The Catholic church teaches that we should give extra support to the poor as they are most in need. Do you agree? Discuss.

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Care for God's Creation - Y7

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Reading Focus: Sister Dorothy Stang



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Clarification- New Vocabulary

Martyr - Someone who dies for their faith

Insecurity – Uncertainty or anxiety.

Sustainability – To maintain and reduce their environmental footprint and conserve resources

Deforestation- Chopping down trees and not replanting

Vocabulary challenge:

What other words do we associate with ‘Catholic Social Teaching’?

During reading

Questioning:
Do you know why the rainforests are called ‘The lungs of the earth’?
Why did Dorothy Stang say ‘The death of the rainforest is the death of us all’?

Clarification: Student to highlight anything else that they need clarifying.

After reading

Summarise the article into 5 key points.

Evaluate:
Was Sr Dorothy effective in raising awareness of protecting God’s creation?

CST Reflection:
What does the Church teach us today about Caring for God’s creation?

CST: Care for God’s Creation – Year 7

Sister Dorothy Stang made stewardship of the earth her life’s work. She is best known for her work to help protect the Amazon rainforest. Rainforests are vital to the health of the whole world. Many people call rainforests ‘the lungs of the earth’ since they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, which can help to stabilise the climate. Rainforests also add water to the atmosphere, which falls as rain, feeding rivers and lakes, and watering crops.. Rainforests are an important home to many species of animals and plants and are a source of food and medicines. The rainforest is also home to many indigenous peoples (the first people to have lived there).

However, the rainforests are continually under threat since they are large expanses of land which some people think would be better used for grazing animals and growing foods. 80% of the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest has been for grazing cattle to support beef and leather industries. Another cause of deforestation is logging (cutting down trees to use or sell the wood). When trees are destroyed, the carbon dioxide they had been storing is released, which adds to the problem of climate change. Deforestation also leads to droughts in the local area. When the land is destroyed, many indigenous people lose their homes and ways of life.

Sister Dorothy knew how much the world depends on rainforests and wanted to stop deforestation. Though she saw God’s creation being destroyed she worked tirelessly to protect it. Sr Dorothy worked with small communities of farmers who were under pressure from ranchers and loggers who wanted to take their land, threatening homes and livelihoods. Sr Dorothy taught these farmers methods that did not harm the rainforests.

She knew her life was in danger. Lots of people wanted to stop her work because they saw her as a threat to their business and wealth. However, she did not stop and said she would rather suffer and die rather than see this unfair treatment of people and the world continue. Following her murder, the Catholic Church recognised Sr Dorothy as a martyr and the president of Brazil put a large amount of land in the area under environmental protection in her memory.



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From *Laudato Si'* ..In 1971, eight years after *Pacem in Terris*, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as “a tragic consequence” of unchecked human activity: “Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation”.

So what does this mean?

The world and its resources exist for the benefit of mankind and it has been entrusted to the stewardship of mankind collectively.

The role of steward places an obligation to make wise use of resources and to ensure that the interests of others and of subsequent generations are considered justly and fairly, not putting profit before people. People of today and of future generations depend on the earth and therefore the impact of human activity on the earth must be wisely managed.

On the next slide you will find information about renewable energy. What can we, as stewards and trustees of God, do to stop the exploitation of nature?

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'Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it' Look at the pictures.....How are we destroying our gifts from God to meet our energy needs? Are we being responsible and caring for our environment if we allow this to happen?



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'The goods of the earth are gifts from God' Could we protect our environment by using more renewable methods of generating electricity? Look at the pictures below. Are these methods enabling us as stewards and trustees to protect the environment more?



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We could also reduce our energy use. How does reducing electricity use link with CST and stewardship?

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How does this link to Design and Technology

What does the word "dominion" mean?

Who was this instruction given to?

"...have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth"

What book of the bible was this in?

What other key word does this link to?

In your own words, write a definition of these key words

Which key word would you consider to be the most important?

Create a question where the key words are the answer

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

What other words are connected to the key words?

Opposites to the words.

Positive outcomes linked to these words