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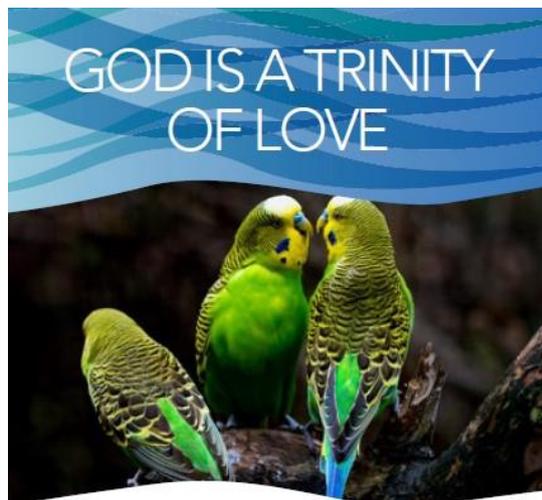
Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Commission

THE CARMELITES OF AUSTRALIA AND TIMOR LESTE

Health in the Lord and the Blessing of the Holy Spirit... [Rule of Saint Albert
Saudavel iha Maromak no grasa Spirtu Santo Nian . [Regula Sto Alberto]

SEASON
OF
CREATION

1st SEPTEMBER - 4th OCTOBER - Week 2



The three-person God is a Trinity of love.
Every creative act and every part of creation
emerges from this divine interplay of love.

Social Justice Statement 2021-22:
Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/>

Creator God,
Creative Word,
Creating Spirit,
instil in us the humility of creatures
and the wisdom of co-creators.

May we act and speak and breathe
as if within your dance of divine love.

Open us to marvel at the wonder
of your handiwork.
Enable us to see your spirit within all
things.

Teach us to respect all that is created.
Humble us to hear the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.
Empower us to respond with all our heart
and mind and spirit.

In Christ and through the Spirit we seek
to be the carers within your creation,
Creator God. AMEN

*EXTRACTS from the the Australian Bishops' Social
Justice Statement 2021-22*

*Our wisdom sources are like wells from which we
draw life-giving and renewing water. We draw
wisdom from Scripture, our theological tradition,
Catholic Social Teaching, and human knowledge, to
water the seeds of change.*

'The Scriptures teach that we are immersed in a
world that continues to reveal the presence of the
divine Word.

Jesus often refers to God's care for the birds of the
air and the flowers of the ground as examples of the
care that God holds for even the most passing of the
things of nature.

The entire creation is upheld and sustained in the
continuous love of God its creator, energizer,
sustainer and completion. This love extends from the
existence of the smallest particle of star dust, through
to the mysterious laws that govern the universe, to
the creation of humans with free will and radical
choice.

In Christ, this love is made more fully manifest to us.
In the incarnation through the life, death, and
resurrection of Jesus we see just how completely all
that is human, all that is matter, all that comprises
the forces of the universe, are incorporated within
the divine dance.

From within the incarnation we can take up two of
the great paradoxes of creation. First, all material
things are created in love and are loved in their
nature as matter. All creation goes through cycles of
change across time, and nothing escapes entropy or
death or re-energizing or re-emergence. This is the
cycle of matter and its transformations. The second
paradox is the part that humans play in creation.
God respects the freedom in which we are made and
holds all things in love, even though we may fail to
love creation itself.

REFLECT ON NATURE through this musical meditation

“For the beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIBkpAm3fhw>

THE WORLD IS A WEB OF LOVE. We Cannot Escape it. We are it!

... the world, created according to the divine model, is a web of relationships. Creatures tend towards God, and in turn it is proper to every living being to tend towards other things, so that throughout the universe we can find any number of constant and secretly interwoven relationships. This leads us not only to marvel at the many connections existing among creatures but also discovering a key to our own fulfilment ... Everything is interconnected and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity. (LS 240)

OUT WORLD IS CHANGING! ITS IMPORTANT THAT WE EACH DO OUR PART TO HELP THE PLANET. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD ?

An insight into the work of Toto Olita, Lay Carmelite from Perth who is a researcher with the Centre for Crop and Disease Management at Curtin University....

Toto's current work explores the economic impact of plant diseases on a sustainable agricultural production system. **Did you know** that plant diseases cause significant economic damage with a global estimate of \$220 billion losses annually according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)? This highlights the importance of the work Toto and her colleagues are involved in to our global food security, more importantly now when our world is grappling with a pandemic that has sadly affected the livelihoods of many communities. Toto would like to encourage everyone that the values we bring to the table contribute to the change within our communities. The contribution of each person is essential to ensure sustainable outcomes

The Physical Science of Climate Change: Some humanitarian insights from the latest IPCC report ... Pablo Suarez, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Miriam Nielsen, Maarten van Aalst

(This summary is forwarded to us by the Carmelite NGO)

Climate Change is strange. Making sense of what is happening requires an enormous, analytical collective effort. More than 200 scientists from 66 countries have worked together to assess knowledge on just the physical science basis of climate change. Their answers were released recently in the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group I.

The IPCC's findings are clear, rigorous, and very concerning. They are captured in formal, technical language. Now we need to speak about the report's implications, in language(s) everyone understands.

The unprecedented is the new normal

The IPCC says: "The scale of recent changes across the climate system as a whole and the present state of many aspects of the climate system are unprecedented over many centuries to many thousands of years." In other words, the past is no longer a useful guide for the present: in this new normal, we should expect what we have never experienced before.



Are you talking about the new normal of an hour ago, or is there a new, new normal right now ?