



A Lenten Message...

Let us consider...

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:38)

In his First chapter of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis gives an overview of "What is happening to our Common Home" in terms of pollution, climate change, the issue of water, loss of biodiversity, the decline in the quality of human life and the breakdown of society. And while that is all reaching unprecedented levels of harm, he acknowledges that there "are positive examples of environmental improvement." And while "they don't solve the global problems,"... "they do show that men and women are still capable of intervening positively. For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love."

In the next paragraph he goes on to challenge the world to resist a false or superficial response, complacency, or an evasiveness that "serves as a license to carrying on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption."

During this Lenten Season...

What in my lifestyle is threatened if I really consider the common good of our Common Home?

How do I justify my own consumption or misuse of resources, or how I measure these?

Where do I need to be converted...changed?