



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation



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LIVING IN HARMONY
WITH GOD'S CREATION

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Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours

27th January 2020

Learning Intention

Students will learn what it means to 'live in harmony' and further this by understanding what it means to 'live in harmony with our neighbour'.

Success Criteria

- Students will be able to define the word 'harmony' and illustrate this understanding
- Students will be able to identify different types of harmony
- Students will be able to define what it means to 'live in harmony'
- Students will be able to give examples of how we can 'live in harmony with our neighbour' from different religious traditions
- Students will be able to reflect on whether they are 'living in harmony with our neighbour' or not 'living in harmony'.

KEYWORDS	DEFINITION
Harmony	
Burdens	
Inner Peace	
Self-centredness	
Self-absorption	
Individualism	
Consumerism	
Cultivating	
Archbishop of Canterbury	
Patriarch	
Sin	
Gaurdian	
Prophetic Action	
Convert	
Repent	

Name the 6 types of harmony represented in each image





Reflective Task

Take a few moments to think about your life and where there is harmony in it.

Draw an image that represents this harmony – you can draw images or simply use colours to represent this time of harmony.

'When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others.'

(Peace Pilgrim Quote)

What does this quote mean to you?

'Help to carry one another's burdens.'

(Gal 6:2)

What does this quote mean to you?



'A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself.'

(Jim Morrison)

What does this quote mean to you?



'World peace begins with inner peace.'

(Dalai Lama)

Do you agree with the Dalai Lama?



In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis states:

'We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognised for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings. Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.' (LS, 208)

What does this mean?





What can I do?

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The Season of Creation took place from 1 September 2019 until 4 October 2019
(Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi):

Pope Francis says:



*... 'We need a change that unites us all.
Free from the slavery of consumerism.'*



In your own words, explain the message that Pope Francis is giving to us as head of the Catholic Church on earth.



Pope Francis made a request:

*'That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given –
cultivating and protecting it for future generations.'*

Take time to think about this request and think about your lifestyle. Are there things you could change/ do that would mean you would be 'cultivating and protecting' our common home 'for future generations'.





Extension Reflective Exercise

Why would you want to 'take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations'?

Discussion

*Archbishop Welby says:
'The outlook of climate change is not
potentially bad ... it is potentially fatal for
the most fragile countries and regions
on earth and for the billions of people
who live in them.'*



As a class, discuss the many ways that climate change has damaged our common home.

Patriarch Bartholomew says:

'To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin.'

Create a list of the examples of crimes against the natural world that Patriarch Bartholomew mentions.



General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Olau Fykse Tveit, quotes the Gospel of Luke (10:27) when he says that we should 'love the Lord our God with all our mind, all our will, all our strength and love our neighbour as ourselves.'

Can you find other references to loving your neighbour as yourself in the Bible?





He then poses a question – 'What does this mean in our time?'

So ...

What does it mean in our time?



Extension Exercise



On the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Bishop Arnold of Salford, in Britain, urges us to be 'guardians of God's creation'.

In our Catholic schools, how can we become 'guardians of God's creation'?



Our Catholic School – Group Activity

In our Catholic school, how can we show that we understand what it is to love our neighbour as ourselves?

