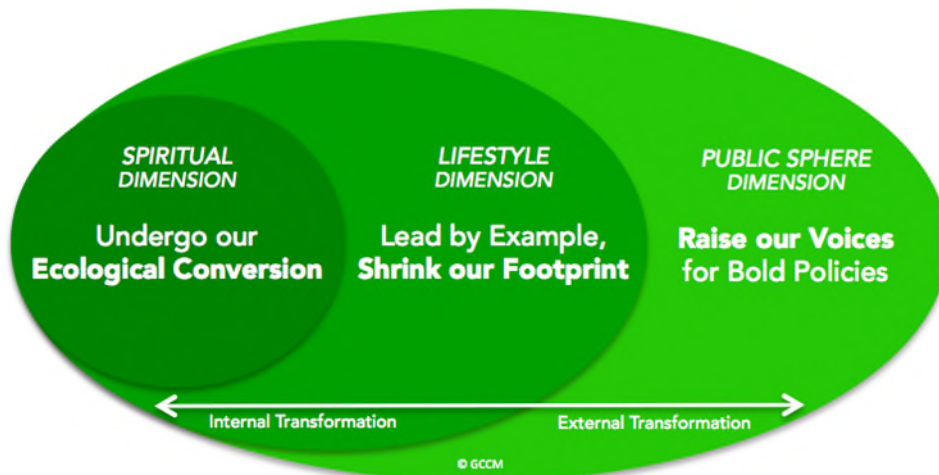




**Sisters of Charity of New York, Office of Peace, Justice, and Integrity of Creation Resource on Ecological Conversion**

**Journey with the Sisters of Charity of New York Creation's Transformative Energy Committee and Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement (MNY CCM) towards ecological conversion and integral ecology.**



The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) aims to enable the Catholic community to bring Laudato Si' to life in the three dimensions (on left) of the climate crisis. This handout focuses on the spiritual

dimension. In the words of St. John Paul II we read, "We must therefore encourage and support the 'ecological conversion' which has made humanity more sensitive to the catastrophe to which it has been heading".

**J**oin us as we come together as people of faith to explore together GCCM's goal: to enable an ecological conversion of the Catholic faithful, a "change of heart" that can motivate an integral ecology and a more passionate concern for God's creation. As people inspired by Laudato Si', we will identify ways and commit to undergo personal and communal ecological conversion and integral ecology. Recognizing that each of us has our own unique gifts, strengths, challenges, and call, we will support and encourage each other as well as seek ways to grow as community.

**Suggestions for entering into the Song of Creation:** [Earth Teach Me – Ute Prayer](#), music by Bernard Koch; Jan Novotka's [One Earth Community](#),

**We invite ourselves to take time to consider ...**

- ❖ A word or phrase that describes what ecological conversion means.
- ❖ An image, symbol or picture that comes to mind.
- ❖ How or when we experience our inner desert.
- ❖ Where and how we find inspiration! Hope! Wonder! Beauty!

Three videos are offered as resources for our journey towards ecological conversion and integral ecology. After viewing each video, spend quiet time pondering:

- ❖ What feeling or insight emerged?
- ❖ How/ where were you moved? Inspired? Challenged?

1. [What is An Ecological Conversion?](#), 5:34 minutes,
2. [Laudato Si': How to bring about the Ecological Conversion?](#) - Céline Deville, Alter'actifs, 2:14 minutes.
3. [Just One World. Laudato Si' animation for children](#), CAFOD, 4:08 minutes.

**Ignatian Ecological Examen – [Brief video](#) ,(1:44 minutes) and [longer one](#) (17:04 minutes) to help us live in gratitude and in right relationship with each other and all of God’s Creation.**

1. I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. Where did I feel God’s presence in creation today?
2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering. Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?
3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?
4. I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?
5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?
6. I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.

**Prayer**

In concluding our Examen, we give thanks to God for the gift of creation. We ask for God’s help and guidance so we may care for creation and the most vulnerable among us, strengthened in our common pursuit for ecological justice. Let us pray “A Prayer for Our Earth”.

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. (Laudato Si’, n. 246)

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