

The Ayme

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The Ayme is a resource sheet produced by Loreto Ministries for use in schools and associated ministries throughout Australia and South-East Asia. It is primarily a resource for staff who are then invited to adapt material for members of their community.

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2020 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY RESOURCES

World Environment Day is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Held annually since 1974, the Day has also become a vital platform for promoting progress on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. With the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the helm, over 150 countries participate each year. The 2020 UN Theme is BIODIVERSITY.

CONTEXT

Scripture

First Creation story is a story of biodiversity!
Most praise psalms have a creation focus.

Loreto Oz & SEA

[Reflective video](#) produced by Susan Daily ibvm and Rachel McLoughlin ibvm exploring the interconnection between Laudato Si and Ignatian spirituality.

Environmental justice is one of five Province justice priorities. [This section](#) of the province website contains eco-resources.

[Recent contribution to UN climate justice reports](#) from Libby Rogerson ibvm

Wider Mary Ward network

Five Calls for 2014 IBVM General Congregation #4 – *Live sustainably, discerning what is enough.*

Mary Ward Schools COMPASS

The whole COMPASS relates to World Environment Day; however, these bottom three COMPASS points have particular relevance. It would be amazing if our curriculum documents, pastoral, justice and retreat programmes all referenced the COMPASS.



Embracing and affirming diversity

A Mary Ward school today embraces diversity as a mirroring of the wonder of Creation. Seeing the image of God in human diversity, we encourage the young to discover their interdependence so they each find their own dignity – “*I am because you are*” * – and feel truly affirmed and included.

(cf KG pp 6-7; IBVM Call 5)

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(disadvantage)

Thinking and acting justly

A Mary Ward school today is aware of inequalities and oppression in the world of which it is part, and strives to be part of the solution, building peace by helping the young to think and act justly in response to injustice – whether in the school community, the broader community, or the environment.

(cf KG pp 3,6,7,9; IBVM 2; CJ 5,6)

Engaging with the bigger picture

A Mary Ward school today, recognising the interconnectedness of all things, finds educational ways to engage with *Laudato si'* and *Agenda 2030: Transforming our World*. We promote the values, skills, and behaviours needed for living as global citizens finding fulfilment in harmony with all of creation.

(cf KG p 3; IBVM 2,4,5; and CJ 4,5,6)

The [ISSUES section](#) of our UN website will direct you to relevant Institute resources.

Our [UN Update #40](#) from 2019 is dedicated to the issue of climate action.

Reflection material from new Mary Ward JPIC Office based on the fifth anniversary since the promulgation of *Laudato Si* published [here](#).

Wider Catholic context

Laudato Si

[Animation for kids](#)

[Vatican video](#) on *Laudato Si*

[Top 10 Laudato Si messages](#) from America Magazine

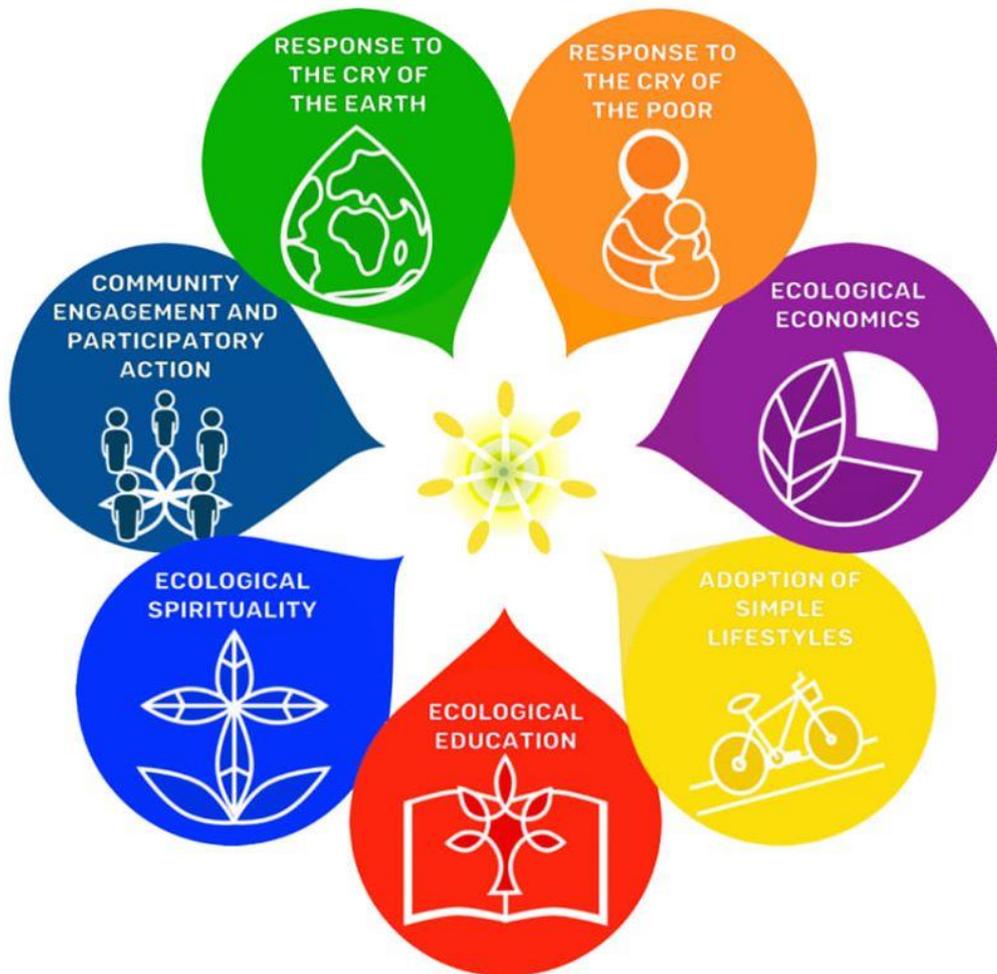
[Catholic Earthcare Australia](#)

Joan Chittister on the [Spirituality of Creation](#) – 2018

[Earthbeat](#) – Section in NCR on climate crisis, faith and action

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Great visual representation of the dimensions of Laudato Si – would be great for group work themes in RE classes or on retreat:



TEACHING RESOURCES

Sustainable Development Goals

many [SDGs](#) connect with the environment

Australian Catholics [edition on the environment](#)

Sandie Cornish's PPT – [Everything is connected](#)

Caritas Australia's section on [Catholic Social Teaching on the environment](#).

The Ayrne logo, featuring the word 'the ayrne' in a stylized, cursive font on a textured, parchment-like background.

Get Science staff involved re biodiversity

Photo comp – examples of biodiversity in school grounds or local environs

Write a song – OUR COMMON HOME

Research responses from Mary Ward schools and communities globally

ACTIVITIES

W.E.D. Webinar - 5th June

The Loreto Justice Network in collaboration with the IBVM/CJ Office at the United Nations is pleased to host a special Loreto Student Leaders Zoom Meeting, to celebrate World Environment Day, on Friday 5th June.

We hope this will be the first in a series of subsequent meetings for student leaders in our network over the rest of this year.

The Zoom meeting will take place from 12.30-1.30pm (AET) on Friday 5th June.

The meeting will begin with brief presentations on topics of environmental justice from a global perspective from:

Francesca Torcasio Barberis - current Mary Ward Youth Rep at the IBVM/CJ Office at the UN

Sr Janet Palafox ibvm - incoming IBVM rep for the IBVM/CJ Office at the UN
Younger members of the **Mary Ward family from our school network in India**
Francesca, as host of the meeting, will then facilitate a Q&A and general discussion & ideas sharing from all participants - no need to prepare!

The Environment in a Post-Covid World

Travel – [How can we be sustainable in a post-Covid world](#)

[After the Covid crisis, will we get a greener world?](#)

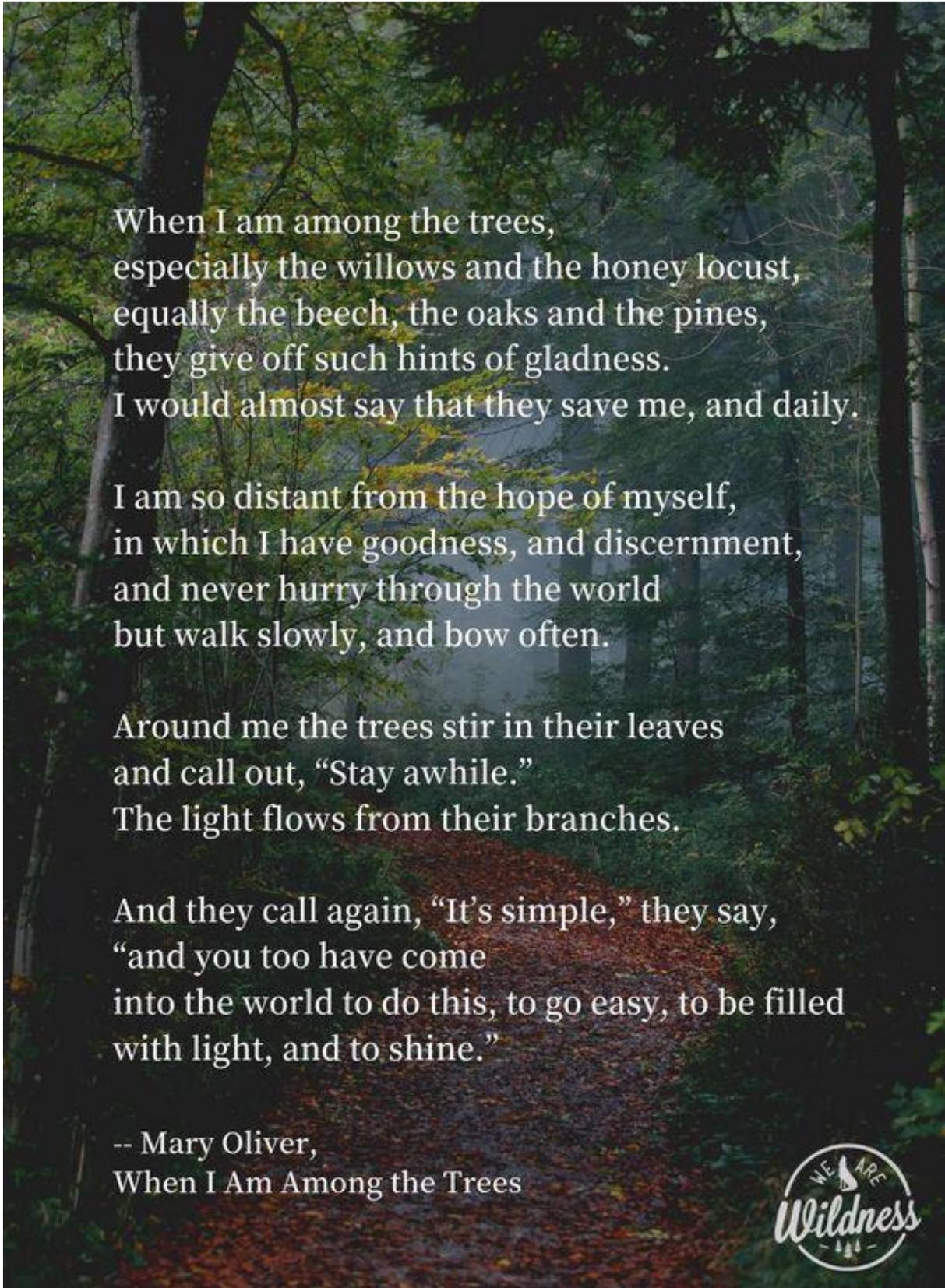
Ongoing updates from the [Geneva Environment Network](#)

Connect National Reconciliation Week with World Environment Day – [make connections](#).



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Prayers/Examen related to the Environment



When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

-- Mary Oliver,
When I Am Among the Trees

