



To increase the awareness and to sensitize on the urgency of an ecological conversion– a strong appeal of the GCXX -, that involve us in the care of the Common Home

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## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Reading of the Gospel Jo 3:14-21

" Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."



### LET US REFLECT:

The fourth week allows us to experience the immense love of this kind God, who is in our midst. This love that transforms our being as sinners into instruments of transformation, something that only love can do.

Jesus is our Teacher, who shows us the way of surrender and forgiveness.

God the Father recognises our darkness and sends Jesus as a light to enlighten us and to fill us with colour and hope, in every step we take.

Pope Francis, in the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, invites us to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have fallen by the wayside and to commit ourselves with them to build social friendship, to go beyond borders, so that fraternity truly make us feel as brothers and sisters. May we dream together of a more human, happier, more just, kinder world that seeks the good of the other.

In recent decades, a new poor has emerged among us. A new poor due to our injustices and wrong actions. A new poor that we, paradoxically, call Mother earth and Sister earth. The main cause lies in the deteriorated relations between men and nature. Just as the poor are crying out for justice, so is Mother earth crying out and begging for greater attention. We are irrationally depleting the resources of Mother earth and it is not only earth that is affected, but all men and women who live on earth, as the poor of the planet are the first to realise. It is therefore urgent to rebuild the basis of a new anthropology, through an "ecological conversion" and a profound and sincere "ecological spirituality".



This new mysticism must extend to everyone, so as to question again, not only traditional paradigms such as progress, development, economy, peace, among others, but also our relationship with the planet earth; only in this way will we be able to create a new man, who takes into consideration his neighbour and nature. The encyclical of Pope Francis "Laudato si" (2015), proposes the basis, or rather the "ecological virtues" for this new human anthropology, that should also look at future generations.

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