

June 12th - 3:30 – 5:30

THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

Paragraph #160.....What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal. When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will product significant results. But if these issues are courageously faced, we are led inexorably to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn. (Pope Francis Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home)

Format of our discussion:

- We will share in groups of 10.*
- We will introduce ourselves (short).*
- We will use a "round robin" method of sharing, i.e., each person has an uninterrupted chance to share (no more than three minutes for initial sharing).*
- After each person has had a chance to share, we will have general discussions.*
- There will be a note taker in each group to capture our ideas.*
- After the general discussion in each group, we will have reports from the note takers for the benefit of the group at large.*

Possible questions for sharing –

- What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?*
- What is the purpose of our life in the world? Why are we here?*
- What is the goal of our work and all our efforts?*
- What need does the earth have of us?*

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS CONVERSATION!