

“The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she ‘groans in travail’(Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and receive life and refreshment from her waters. . .The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like and immense pile of filth.” Laudato Si 2,21



Adults keep saying: “We owe it to the young people to give them hope.” But I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day.

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Breathe deeply of the cool fresh air. As you feel the air fill your lungs think about what you know.

- We are reaching the tipping point. The point when recovery becomes impossible.
- We are overconsuming what we in our privilege are able to consume.
- The plastic we use is indestructible and fills our land and oceans.
- The fossil fuel industry flourishes.
- The consumption of meat is equal to the pollution of all the driving in our world.
- Water is being wasted.

WE, IN OUR PERSONAL AND CORPORATE LIVES KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS LOVING.

## **What must we do? What can we do? What will we do?**

If we take time to listen to what God’s Spirit is saying we will find the wisdom, the courage, the support and love needed to respond. We will

- Pray daily for those who have the power to make laws that support sustainability.
- Take a first step to live more simply.
- Avoid using plastic
- Limit our driving’
- Eat less meat and more plant base food.
- Not let water run unnecessarily.