

ECO-ACTION FOR THE WEEK

September 3, 2021 – Actions for Our Own Dear Planet



Creation's Interconnections: “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live ... It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems.” (*Laudato Si'* par.139) Every “issue” is affected by climate change, pollution, and extinctions.

- **Remember** that God lives and acts in every person, every bit of creation, and every system.
- **Think** of each issue about which you care within the context of its evolutionary and global interconnectedness and the divine presence living and acting within it.
- **Mentally stretch** “people” and “we” to include all creation any time you read, hear, or think those words.
- **Teilhard de Chardin** was among the first to realize how evolutionary science is connected with Christian theology of Incarnation. Re-read something you once enjoyed by him — or — read Luis M. Savary's *Teilhard de Chardin The Phenomenon of Man Explained*, an accessible account of Teilhard's insights.
- **Avoid** using plastic water bottles because of the harm they do to the planet and its people: climate change from fossil fuels used in production; water use and waste; pollution from plastic that cannot be recycled; people and farms whose water is taken for others' profit; personal health risks. Is the convenience worth the harm?

Just five more weeks of Eco-Actions!

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