

# Key terms

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| <i>Climate justice</i>   | The idea that finding solutions to climate change must involve creating a fairer, more equal world.<br>(See integral ecology)    |
| <i>Cry of the earth</i>  | The call to hear nature's suffering  |
| <i>Cry of the poor</i>   | The call to hear the suffering of the poorest and most vulnerable people   |
| <i>Dominion</i>          | The belief that humans have the right to control the Earth. Humans are in charge of creation on God's behalf.                    |
| <i>Ecology</i>           | The study of the connections between living things and their environment   |
| <i>Encyclical letter</i> | A letter written by a Pope that he sends out to all Catholic churches worldwide  |
| <i>Integral ecology</i>  | The idea that human activity and the natural world are deeply connected. Care for creation and care for humanity are inseparable |
| <i>Laudato Si'</i>       | An encyclical letter by Pope Francis on caring for our common home. The title <i>Laudato Si'</i> means to "praise be to you".    |
| <i>Stewardship</i>       | The belief that the Earth is a gift from God. We have a shared responsibility to look after God's creation                       |
| <i>Sustainability</i>    | An action that can be carried on for a long time without harming the environment   |
| <i>Vice</i>              | A negative habit or behaviour that turns away from God and the common good   |
| <i>Virtue</i>            | A positive habit or behaviour done in the service of good and to come closer to God  |