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On 4 October 2023, the Carmelite NGO launched a new project: [Integral-Ecology.org](https://Integral-Ecology.org). This website is a repository of information and resources on integral ecology, the foundational concept in Pope Francis' powerful and beautiful encyclical, [Laudato Si'](#).

4 October was also the Feast of St. Francis *and* the day the Pope published his new apostolic exhortation, [Laudate Deum](#), a follow-up to *Laudato Si'*.

We are in solidarity with Pope Francis' message reminding us of our social and moral responsibility to care for one another and for our common home, the Earth.

The Carmelite NGO invites you to check out [Integral-Ecology.org](https://Integral-Ecology.org). Watch our original videos and read the articles that we have uploaded there. More videos and articles will be uploaded in the coming weeks and months, all with the purpose of educating and hopefully inspiring. Also, take a look at the “Links” page of the website. Several resources are listed there, including some that provide suggestions for *action*.

Integral Ecology. Everything is connected. As Pope Francis tells us in *Laudato Si'*, “Today...we have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*” [49]. And he continued, “We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature” [139].

The work before us is daunting, but it is absolutely imperative that we act and that we do so *now*. The scientists know this and so do faith leaders across all the great world religions, including the last three Popes.

We hope you will join us in this movement—at this critical moment—to care, truly care, for our common home.

*I cannot fail in this regard to remind the Catholic faithful of the motivations born of their faith. I encourage my brothers and sisters of other religions to do the same, since we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole.*

--Pope Francis (*Laudate Deum*, paragraph 61)

