Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 5, 2017

Madonna and Child, Marianne Stokes
“Human Ecology” is a term coined by Saint John Paul II and deepened by Benedict XVI and carried forward by Pope Francis as essential in fostering a culture of life—an “authentic human ecology,” which can help restore “the original balance of creation between the human person and the entire universe.”

In Caritas in Veritate, the encyclical in which Benedict XVI laid out a mini manifesto that prefigures Laudato Si’. In it he made this important statement:

The deterioration of nature is in fact closely connected to the culture that

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM en español, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 Noon

Confessions
Monday - Friday 11:15-11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM
Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30 PM

Devotions
Tuesday after Mass: Memorare
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude
Mon-Fri after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday - Friday 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 3:30 PM
Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

Store Hours
M,W, F - 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; T, Th - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sunday 8:45 AM - 6:45 PM*
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Item of the Week...

Magnificat Lenten Companion

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Ash Wednesday is less than a month away. This Lenten companion has a treasury of spiritual insights to help you refocus your heart and revive your love of the Lord.
shapes human coexistence: when “human ecology” is respected within society, environmental ecology also benefits. Just as human virtues are interrelated, such that the weakening of one places others at risk, so the ecological system is based on respect for a plan that affects both the health of society and its good relationship with nature.

Here, the pope emeritus is quoting his own use of Saint John Paul II's term “human ecology.” Benedict’s particular reference is to his 2007 message for the World Day of Peace—which is one of those sadly forgotten gems that could have easily been written by Pope Francis.

Below is part of the eco-quote from Benedict XVI’s 2007 message for World Day of Peace. When you’ve read that, take some time to read Saint John Paul II’s encyclical Centesimus Annus, which helped introduce the very term “human ecology” that Pope Francis continued when he laid forth his vision for fostering a culture of life.

In his Encyclical Letter Centesimus Annus, Pope John Paul II wrote: “Not only has God given the earth to man, who must use it with respect for the original good purpose for which it was given to him, but man too is God's gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed.” By responding to this charge, entrusted to them by the Creator, men and women can join in bringing about a world of peace. Alongside the ecology of nature, there exists what can be called a “human” ecology, which in turn demands a “social” ecology. All this means that humanity, if it truly desires peace, must be increasingly conscious of the links between natural ecology, or respect for nature, and human ecology. Experience shows that disregard for the environment always harms human coexistence, and vice versa. It becomes more and more evident that there is an inseparable link between peace with creation and peace among men. Both of these presuppose peace with God. The poem-prayer of Saint Francis, known as “the Canticle of Brother Sun”, is a wonderful and ever timely example of this multifaceted ecology of peace.

— From Pope Francis: “Human Ecology” is a matter of life, catholicecology.net
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The OMV motto, “MARIAM COGITAR, MARIAM INVOCAR” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.