

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Special attention must be given to the celebration of the Eucharist; first of all to the preparation of the environment and the altar.

The Third Canon of the Roman Missal helps us greatly to form consciences and nourish ecological spirituality. What is proclaimed at the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer helps the assembly to understand that by pronouncing these words, one cannot remain indifferent to the destruction of biodiversity and the need for an integral outlook, capable of embracing at the same time the peoples of the earth and the whole universe.

Praise must be given in unison and we must become increasingly aware of the connection that exists between all living and inanimate beings, heavenly and terrestrial beings.

*"Father most holy,
praise be to you from every creature.
Through Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit
you sanctify and make the universe live,
and you keep gathering a people around you,
that from one border of the earth to the other
offer the perfect sacrifice to your name."*

We also could: take to heart the particular circumstances of social and civil life; not linger in the use of votive masses, for example, during social conflicts, wars; for peace, for the development of peoples; for the sanctification of work. Special celebrations the time of sowing, after the harvest; for the elimination of hunger in the world; for migrants, for prisoners. We could have special celebrations in times of drought and famine to ask for rain; to ask for mercy and good weather, or against storms and floods. And again: for a grace received, for harmony, for family, for those who trouble us.

Ecological conversion leads us to celebrate our lives in the mystery of Christ, striving to combine faith and action, contemplation and passion in making visible the "new heavens and a new earth" (Rev 21:1).