



Laudato Si'
Special Anniversary Year
2020-2021

Meeting
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Greetings also from me as coordinator with Luisa Alfarano of the youth coordination of FIAC; a special greeting to the young people participants and to our guest Sandro Calvani.

In the first part of the encyclical, Pope Francis makes a precise reference to young people. We read at number 13: "Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded."

We young people feel part of this change; we want to cooperate with everyone in this change that requires an integral ecological conversion, following the model of Saint Francis. This is the real meaning of the event The Economy of Francesco, where I am participating, which includes online meetings in these period of lockdown but that will include a meeting in Assisi with Pope Francis: young economists, entrepreneurs and changemakers are involved in a pact to build an economy fairer, fraternal, sustainable, inclusive.

The logic of "everything is connected" keeps connected the economic and environmental dimensions, relationships and social and institutional dynamics. So even a personal change in lifestyle can have great impacts on the "whole". In this sense, a tool available to consumers is the so-called "vote with the wallet" to encourage companies to take socially responsible behaviors.

I am sure that our meeting will be full of useful ideas and I hope to receive suggestions and proposals from you (I will write you my email address in chat: m.tridente@azionecattolica.it). Thank you all and good meeting.