

Some Principles of Franciscan Economy from Laudato Si:

- Economic interests are directly linked to biodiversity and the wellbeing of all Creation
- Global and local economic interests are directly linked to human dignity, a fundamental God-given right
- Economic disparities affect the social rights of individuals, groups, and entire peoples
- Resource conservation is directly linked to human dignity and quality of life
- “...economic powers continue to justify the current global system where priority tends to be given to speculation and the pursuit of financial gain, which fail to take the context into account, let alone the effects on human dignity and the natural environment.” (paragraph 56)
- “Inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations.” (paragraph 51)
- Businesses from developed areas of the world often deplete and dispose of resources and materials in developing countries in ways “they would never do in developed countries or the so-called first world.” (paragraph 51)
- “Efforts to promote a sustainable use of natural resources are not a waste of money, but rather an investment capable of providing other economic benefits in the medium term.” (paragraph 191)