

Conserving God's Creation-Water

Water, a basic human right and need, isn't provided for all. If you thought this was left in the past, you were wrong. There are over 2 million people without fresh, clean water today in America. This is a worldwide issue, however I am focusing on America in my essay. Americans have so many rights as we are a free country. Many people from all over the world go above and beyond just to get to America, and what if we can't even give them fresh water. I thought basic human rights, clean water, freedom and feeding the hungry was what America stands for. God gave us water, so we should care for it, not waste it. Caring for God's creation is part of our Catholic faith. He is our father and we really should care for his gifts, because the little changes can make a big difference in the quality of life for many!

Caring for God's creation is part of being a grateful human being. God created water and if we take our water for granted, we are not taking care of God's gift to humankind. "Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems" (LS 28). As it says in this quote water is a critical part of our survival and we shouldn't risk the health of others just to have green grass in the front yard. Some people go to great lengths just to get water and it still needs to be boiled, to make sure it is safe for drinking and cooking. Another gift from God, human life and if we are not taking care of others we are wasting our resources. These are a few examples of why we need to care for God's gifts before they are gone. Every human is special-including you!

In California we are in a major drought, so now more than ever is it important to conserve water. Water is a key resource, and if you have running water you are incredibly lucky! When you are outside, I know green grass looks nice, but if you want to help you should cut back on watering grass lawns and unnecessary plants. Is your shower over 5 minutes? Well if you could

try to keep your shower under 5 minutes it will really help conserve water. You can also turn off the water while brushing your teeth! While rinsing the dishes before they go in the dishwasher seems to be a good idea, you are wasting water by the second. All the water that the dishwasher uses and what you use to rinse them adds up to be a lot. If you think about it, the dishwasher is to wash dishes for you with the press of a button; pre-rinsing in the sink is not necessary.

Protecting God's creation is important because conserving water and delivering it to those in need is doing just that. God created humans too and if those humans in need aren't getting their basic needs and rights-they should. We need to really focus more attention on helping those in need. Conserving water is not only about who can save the most, it's also about these small changes we all can make and how every little bit helps. You don't need to drastically change things, just a slight shift can make a huge difference! I feel very strongly that conserving water is really important in upholding God's gifts to us, and honoring his beautiful creation.