



Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.  
*(Hebrews 13:2)*

**SCRIPTURE of the DAY**

- Genesis 18: 1-10
- Psalms 14: 2-5
- Colossians 1: 24-28
- Luke 10: 38-42

When Martha complained, Jesus responded by gently inviting her to be calm and move from being distracted to being attentive. The better part is to take time to be attentive and listen to God. This dynamic reflects the balance between action and contemplation in our spiritual lives.

Today, the Church is called to extend this balance into the realm of environmental stewardship. Radical hospitality, as exemplified by Abraham's eager welcome of his guests, invites us to recognise Christ in every person and creation. This recognition compels us to act with compassion and responsibility towards the environment, treating it as a sacred trust.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* emphasises this interconnectedness, urging us to care for our common home. He critiques consumerism and environmental degradation, calling for a global response rooted in justice and solidarity. The *Laudato Si'* Movement, inspired by this encyclical, mobilises Catholics worldwide to engage in ecological action, from promoting green parishes to advocating for climate justice.

**Incorporating radical hospitality into environmental care means recognizing the dignity of all creation and responding with love and action.** It involves creating spaces where both people and the planet can thrive, ensuring that our actions today do not compromise the well-being of future generations.

As we reflect on Martha and Mary's example, let us strive to embody both active service and contemplative listening in our approach to environmental stewardship. By doing so, we honour the sacredness of creation and fulfil our call to love and serve both God and the world He entrusted to us. ✝

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**ECOLOGY (STEWARDSHIP)**

**CALLED TO STOPPING THE PLUNDER AND EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES**

## Radical Hospitality and Environmental Care:

### A Call to Action

The two famous sisters in the Gospel, Martha and Mary exemplify two paths of discipleship: Martha's active service and Mary's contemplative devotion. While often portrayed as contrasting, both are vital expressions of faith. Even though, Martha is seen as the less preferred character but then she is the one who welcomed Jesus into her home. Her hospitality created a sacred space for Jesus, and Mary's attentive listening deepened her encounter with Him.

