

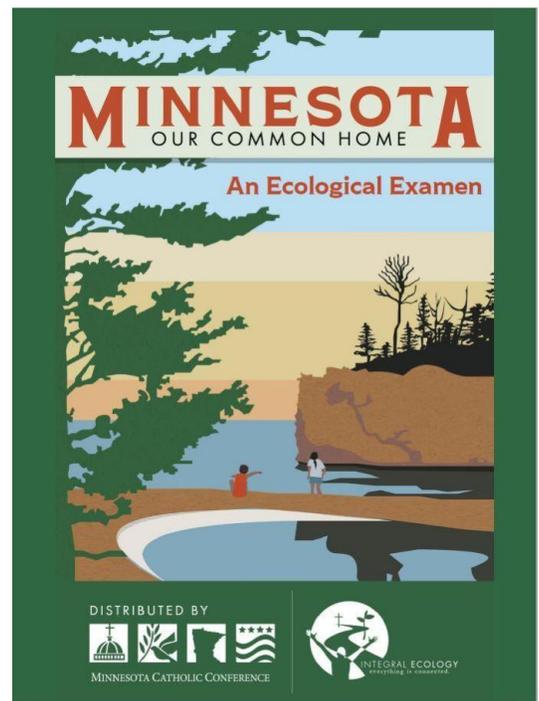
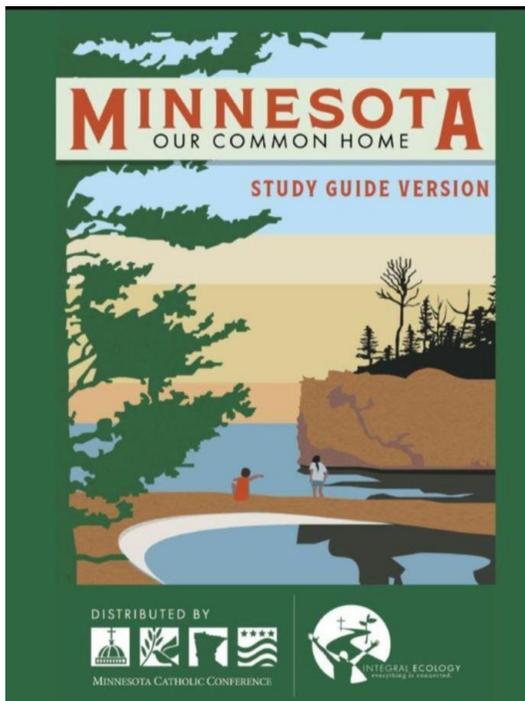
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Dear Father,

We hope your week is going well ahead of Thanksgiving! We thank you for your service to Christ's Church and all the faithful.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) is excited to announce **two brand new resources to accompany *Minnesota, Our Common Home***, a pastoral resource developed by MCC staff earlier this year. These new resources, **[Minnesota Our Common Home: Study Guide Version and Ecological Examen](#)** are intended to distill the teachings of *Laudato si'* and help Minnesotans explore its key principles and apply its teachings to our lives as Minnesota Catholics.



Some assume *Laudato si'* is focused only on the environment, but it also applies to many other aspects of our life. Building on the work of his predecessors, Pope Francis proposes **a holistic way of looking at our relationships** with the earth, one another, and the Creator—one that **promotes the well-being of the natural environment while doing justice to the human persons who inhabit it**—and encourages us to remember that a good and generous God creates all things. He calls this approach **“integral ecology.”**

At the Minnesota Catholic Conference, we see *Laudato si'* as a crucial opportunity for engagement with the fundamental questions of our faith: God’s plan for creation, the human person’s identity as a son or daughter of God, our call to creation stewardship, and integration of faith with all aspects of life.

In this spirit, we are happy to now offer the newly developed *Minnesota, Our Common Home: Study Guide Version* and *Ecological Examen*, so that every Catholic across our great state can

begin to better understand the concept of “integral ecology” and live out their call to steward all of creation.

In addition to these resources, we are pleased to offer free downloadable PDFs of the full-text in Spanish and a small-group leader guide. To download these additional resources and for further information, visit the [Minnesota, Our Common Home webpage](#).

We are excited to share these new documents with you, and we invite you to [order copies](#) of both the [Study Guide Version](#) and the [Ecological Examen](#) for use in your parish. Not only can these resources be used for adult small groups, but, because of the urgency surrounding issues of ecology that are keenly expressed by many teens and young adults, these materials can help them gain a more complete understanding of how to view and take action on these issues in a way that truly stewards all God’s creation.

Both of these invaluable tools can be put to use within your parish throughout the year. However, in hopes of providing you with these materials in time to establish Lenten small-group studies, our printer is offering the **Study Guide Version for a special introductory price of just \$5.99 each** until December 31st, or until supplies run out, and the **Ecological Examen for \$2.50 each**.



Let us know how we can be of further assistance. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Minnesota Catholic Conference Staff



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