



MSOLA Journey towards Integral Ecology

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▼ SITUATION

"Ecological justice intersects with the wider concerns of social justice. The advent of a digital way of life has had huge ecological repercussions: electronic waste, including millions of digital devices, is dumped in landfill sites. Often this waste is sent to poor countries, where the local populations bear the environmental impact. Digital communication tools and platforms also have an impact on the environment through resource extraction and energy consumption..."

(Digital Justice, Study and Action Guide)



REFLECTION

Most digital devices require resources that are found in poor countries; the extraction of these resources often involves child labour and the labour of other vulnerable people.

God's preferential option for the poor expressed in the Bible, and the prophets' proclamation of how we should behave towards the poor, is for all time, including the digital age in which we live.



THE WORD OF GOD

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land belongs to me, and to me you are only strangers and guests. For any land you own, you will leave a right of redemption on that land."

Leviticus 25: 23-24



ACTION

We are all created in God's image, a reflection of his beauty and goodness.

As an integral part of God's creation, we are committed to caring for our common home and to showing solidarity with all our brothers and sisters in humanity.

How can we, the MSOLA, reduce the ecological impact of our use of the internet and social networks?



PRAYER

Gracious God, the Earth cries out with us to you.

With the Earth, we ask you to free us from greed, selfishness and indifference. With the air, water, earth and wind, we ask you to help us rid ourselves of all pollution.

Help us not to destroy ourselves, the forest, the birds and the animals, and all the delicate networks that link our ecosystems to all life.

With those on the margins of society, those who are unheard, powerless, struggling and suffering, we ask you for the strength to be just, merciful and compassionate.

With those in power and positions of authority, we ask for the wisdom to be good guardians of our common home.

And, finally, with all of Creation and all peoples, we give you thanks for all the efforts made to restore our sister Mother Earth. Amen.

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