



# CATHOLIC ETHICAL CONSUMERISM QUOTES

Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. —Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, n. 91

When social pressure affects their earnings, businesses clearly have to find ways to produce differently. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. 'Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act'. Today, in a word, 'the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle.' —Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, n. 146

Aspire not to have more but to be more. —St. Oscar Romero

Our mistreatment of the natural world diminishes our own dignity and sacredness, not only because we are destroying resources that future generations of humans need, but because we are engaging in actions that contradict what it means to be human. Our tradition calls us to protect the life and dignity of the human person, and it is increasingly clear that this task cannot be separated from the care and defense of all of creation. —*Renewing the Earth: An Invitation to Reflection and Action on Environment in Light of Catholic Social Teaching*, 1991

The whole human race suffers as a result of environmental blight, and generations yet unborn will bear the price for our failure to act today. —*Renewing the Earth: An Invitation to Reflection and Action on Environment in Light of Catholic Social Teaching*, 1991