



Religion and Public Agenda: Complexity and the Challenges of the Common Home

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Common Home is a concept shared by the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'* (Ls) about the care of the Common Home, published months earlier, and correlating the SDG's with the *Laudato si'* goals (LsG's). The new world scenario demands even more the adoption of a public agenda for a collective political and social effort to overcome the cultural contradictions of economic determinism and calls for shared responsibility, supported by a culture of solidarity and universal fraternity. The cultural dimension of these crises, as well as its social and ecological dimensions, is evoked by Ls as a way of resisting the monopoly of the technocratic paradigm and its globalizing and mass modes of production. Ls thus calls for a bold cultural revolution grounded on the interdependence of scientific and economic solutions, education and culture, and the integration in public discourse of cultural diversity, art, poetry, and expressions of inner life. At times like these, religions have a great potential to increase empathy and social cooperation in public agenda, valid for building consensus on life in common.





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