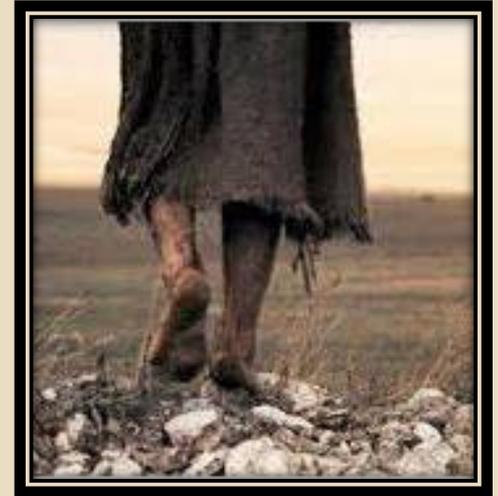


Called to Care: Following in the Footprints of Jesus

Spotting the Footprints:

Introduction to St. Francis of Assisi and “Footprints”



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“His highest aim, and foremost desire, and greatest intention was to pay heed to the Holy Gospel in all things and through all things, to follow the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to retrace his **footprints** completely with all vigilance and all zeal and all desire of his soul and all the fervor of his heart.”



The Life of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano (1228–1229), bk. I, chap. I, 88.



“They entered the Order of the Lesser Ones, obliging themselves to follow, according to the particular grace given to them by God, the poverty and the **footprints** of Christ and his most blessed servant, Francis.”

The Legend of the Three Companions (1241–1247), chap. XVIII, 73.



“His whole aim, in public and in private, was to reproduce in himself and in others those **footprints** of Christ which had been covered over and forgotten.”

The Tree of the Crucified Life of Jesus, Book Five (Excerpts),
by Umbertino DaCasale (1305), chap. III, 54.

Ecological Footprints



Know Your Food Print
Your food choices affect the environment!



Agriculture contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and impacts the environment.

Making informed choices about the types of food you eat can reduce your "foodprint" - the negative environmental impacts of food consumption.

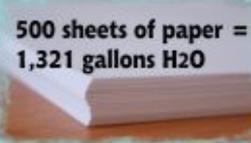
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Annual CO₂ Emissions per capita in Metric Tons

 **The United States of America**  **17.5**

The rest of the world  **3.72** 

The Water Footprint in our Stuff

-  **1 lb chocolate = 3,170 gallons H₂O**
-  **1/3 lb burger = 660 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 cotton t-shirt = 713 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 gal milk = 880 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 lb pork = 576 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 lb corn = 108 gallons H₂O**
-  **500 sheets of paper = 1,321 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 gal wine = 1,008 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 lb rice = 449 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 cup coffee = 37 gallons H₂O**
-  **1 gal beer = 689 gallons H₂O**

explore more at National Geographic's "How much H₂O is embedded in everyday life?"
Infographic by FrontlineCopy.com

June 14, 2019

Pope Francis Urges Action Addressing Energy Leaders

- Pope warns of ‘catastrophic’ effects of global heating
- Pope Francis has declared **a global “climate emergency,”** warning of the dangers of global heating and that a failure to act urgently to reduce greenhouse gases would be “a brutal act of injustice toward the poor and future generations.”



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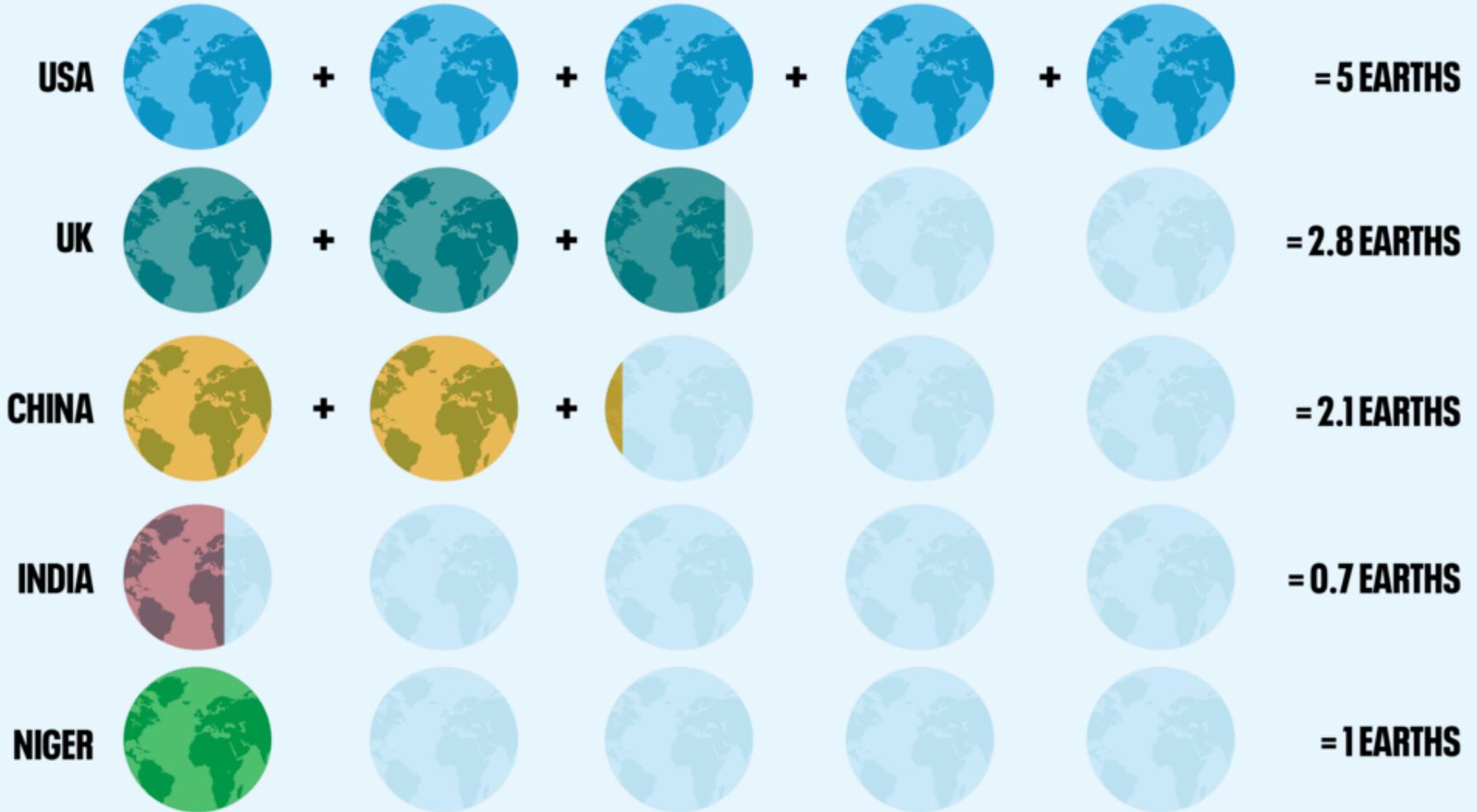
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS

On Care for Our Common Home



CONSUMPTION OF EARTH'S RESOURCES:

Number of Earths needed if everyone used renewable resources at the same rate as these individual countries.



Source: Global Footprint Network, 2018

Learning to Spot “footprints” in *Marvelous Minnesota*



"Franciscan Holy Land"

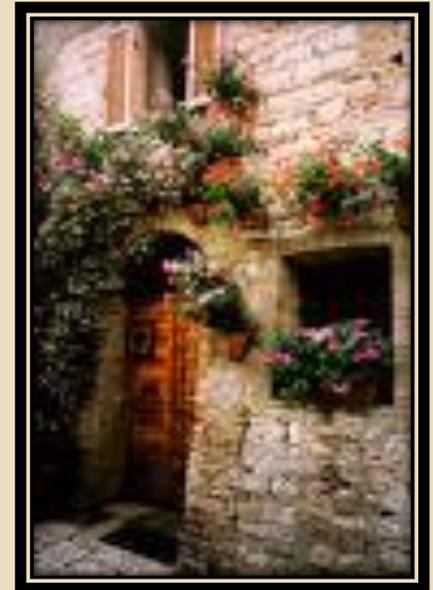






Franciscan spirituality “is sacramental in that all created things are also seen as signs pointing to God as creator.” **Ingrid J. Peterson, OSF, Ph.D.**

Francesco di Bernadone









"Kissing the Face of God"

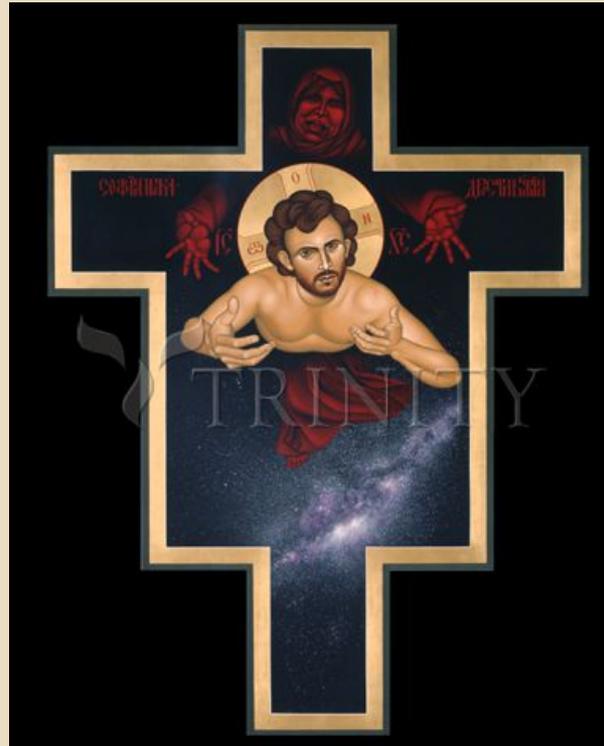


In beautiful things he contuited Beauty
itself and through the **footprints**
impressed in things he followed his
Beloved everywhere, out of them all
making himself a ladder through which
he could climb up to lay a hold of him
who is utterly desirable.

With an intensity of unheard devotion
he savored in each and every creature
— as in so many rivulets — that fontal
Goodness . . .

Bonaventure, *The Major Legend of Saint Francis*, 9:1.







To look at the world with the eyes of St. Francis is to see “the value of an object is never more important than the fact that it is a **footprint** (*vestigium*) of the divine, an object that enriches us spiritually by providing us with a contact with the presence of God.” Ingrid J. Peterson, OSF, Ph.D.

Now it's your turn!



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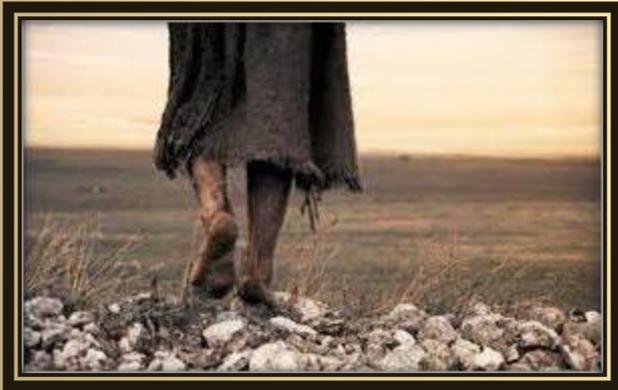
Side 1 + “Reflection / Discussion Starters”

+ *In the Footprints of Jesus* © Cathy Tisel Nelson

Side 2 + “My Environmental Biography”

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■ **Refrain:**

May we follow in the footprints of
Jesus Christ

as we make our way to You.

Inwardly cleansed and enlightened,
on fire with the Spirit, may we
follow in the footprints of Jesus.

■ **Verse 1:**

Feeding the hungry, shelt'ring the
homeless, setting the
prisoner free.

Bringing Your justice to all the
earth, to all the earth, O God.



■ **Refrain:**

May we follow in the footprints of Jesus Christ
as we make our way to You.

Inwardly cleansed and enlightened, on fire with the Spirit,
may we follow in the footprints of Jesus.

■ **Verse 2:**

Friend to the stranger, hope for the hopeless, caring for
all those in need.

Bringing Your justice to all the earth, to all the earth, O
God.



In the Footprints of Jesus

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■ **Refrain:**

May we follow in the footprints of Jesus Christ
as we make our way to You.

Inwardly cleansed and enlightened, on fire with the Spirit,
may we follow in the footprints of Jesus.

■ **Verse 3:**

Simple our living, few our possessions, trusting in You for
our needs.

May we remember how we are called to serve You all
our days.

■ **Refrain:**

May we follow in the footprints of Jesus Christ
as we make our way to You.

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