



Naples, 6-9 November 2013
Pope Francis: scientist and journalists
must work together to protect Nature and Humanity

The Pontiff participates with a statement to the 10th Greenaccord International Media Forum on the Protection of Nature closing today in Naples. Bergoglio sends a strong message to diffuse a sustainable lifestyle that promotes a complete fulfillment of mankind. Cardinal Coccopalmerio (president of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts): “There is incompatibility between lack of love for the next and the participation to the Eucharist”.

Naples, 9 November 2013 – Scientists and journalists defenders of a new way of living, consuming and conceiving the relationship between economy and nature. Pope Francis addresses again the weight and responsibility opinion makers and politicians have in orienting the public opinion towards lifestyles that can reduce impact on the ecosystem in his message to the 10th Greenaccord International Media Forum on the Protection of Nature concluding today in Naples.

The Pontiff sends a “strong exhortation to scientists and journalists to actively contribute in sensitizing political institutions and citizens in spreading a sustainable lifestyle both under a human and environmental point of view, as well as work on creating an economic system not merely based on the consumption of human and natural resources, but which promotes a complete fulfillment of each person in an authentic development of all creation”.

The message was brought to the over one hundred environmental journalists arrived in Naples from all five continents, by **the president of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio** who attended the Forum this morning, together with the mayor of Naples, Luigi De Magistris.

“The spirituality strongly and adamantly brought forth by Pope Francis – Cardinal Coccopalmerio commented – is the root to renew our attention for the all created. Francesco talks about a poor Church among the poor: those who profess to follow Christ's steps in a life of simplicity also need to fully respect the natural patrimony”.

Finally, Coccopalmerio referred to the declarations of the Archbishop of Naples Cardinal Sepe, who participated in the opening sessions of the Forum last Wednesday and announced that those who pollute are not in the condition of receiving communion. “It is a proper stance” Coccopalmerio agreed. “Who pollutes ruins the people and all created by God, attacks the right of others and the love for the next. There is incompatibility between the lack of love for others and the participation in the Eucharist”.

During four days, six sessions of lectures and the presence of thirty speakers of international stature, the Greenaccord Forum for environmental journalism scrutinized the various aspects of the garbage waste problem and the impact it has on the environment and the people's wellbeing.

Visit www.greenaccord.org for a full program of the X International Media Forum on the Protection of Nature and to download abstracts and slideshows of the lectures. Live streaming of the event is available on our website.