

Make-up for Session 10: Calling us to Community



Caring for God's Creation: Called to be Good Stewards

Step 1: Read this:

Welcome everyone! We are so happy you're here. You will never believe what is going to happen.... Someone is going to get a makeover! It is so incredible because you are going to give the makeover ... want to know who the lucky one is?

It is.....the Planet Earth! We are going to work on the makeover...we might do a facelift...some serious cleaning up, a little tummy tuck and hopefully put together a healthier diet for the earth.

If you think about it, our planet is in rough shape. There are worries about pollution, global warming, the melting of glaciers in the Arctic Circle, the dying jungles, animals on the verge of extinction, water that is undrinkable and non-existent in some places, and the pollution our lifestyles are causing around the world. Not a pretty picture.

However, scientists say that your generation will be able to fix some of the problems and insure a healthy and happy planet for the future; but how? The scientists can only

do so much. They research and study the issues, but we will have to actually put some plans into action.

That is what the makeover is about... finding some creative solutions to problems on our planet. I know you can do it!

Step 2: Choose which area of the Earth you wish to work on...

- Air (page 3)
- Water (page 4)
- Land (page 5)

Step 3: Scroll down and read about the area you would like to work on; the areas begin on page 3

Step 4: Imagine that one of the priests was unable to give the homily on the ***Makeover of the Earth*** and you were called on because of your great research on the topic.

Prepare a homily and be sure to cover the following points:

- What is the problem that needs a “makeover?”
- What are the effects of this problem on people, land, animals, and all life?
- What are some ways this problem can be fixed?
- What would be the Christian response to this problem?
- What can our teens, families and parish do, starting today, to be a part of the solution to the problem?
- What Scripture verse might support your solution?

Step 5: You may submit your work in written form, about one typed page. Or

Video tape yourself giving a 5-7-minute homily and send it as a mp4 file.

Step 6: Email your homily to:

dponnet@holyfamily.org on or before March 17

Air Makeover Areas and Questions

Makeover

Air pollution is a problem in urban areas. It is linked to health problems such as asthma and respiratory illness and infections. It is caused by cars and trucks with exhaust emissions as well as industry. Air pollution limits potential activity by people and reduces the quality of life.

Makeover

Scientists are concerned over the depletion of the ozone layer. This problem is affecting the climate of the earth. There is an overall climate change with temperatures rising in certain parts of the world. It is caused by pollution and chemicals.

Makeover

Global Warming is an alarming condition that will affect every living thing on earth. Plants, animals and human beings will be harmed by rising temperatures and forced to adapt or become extinct. Development of land advancing technologies and ever- growing populations are adding to the issue of Global Warming.

Makeover

Climate changes have been noticed around the world. Tsunamis, hurricanes, tidal waves, tornadoes have been on an increase. These will have significant effects on people, communities and animals on land and in the sea.

Makeover

Industry is both a positive and negative influence on society. With regulations and rules, industry can enhance life. When there are no rules as to how industry can work, function and dispose of waste, there can be serious effects on the environment. Emissions let off into the air by corporations are a major cause of smog and pollution around the world.

Water Makeover Areas and Questions

Makeover

In many countries, mostly developing ones, there is no water purification and safety standards. Drinking water is not available for all and many children and elderly die from water borne diseases. These are easily preventable will water safety standards that can be implemented by local governments or social agencies.

Makeover

Water and its safety are often in danger due to pollution from industry. Often waste from companies is poured into waterways and the effects of this pollution are felt by any living being. Animals, fish and vegetation suffer and die, beaches are closed due to contamination and drinking water is at risk.

Makeover

In the past decades oil spills have occurred that are still being cleaned up. The water is virtually deadly and kills all living animals and plants. The effects on the environment and potential extinction of plant and animal species are devastating. The oil is transported by cargo ships and is intended for the consumption by people and businesses.

Makeover

In the hope of making money and building businesses, large companies who provide fish and seafood for human consumption have over-fished and have caused changes in the habitats and lifecycles of certain species. It will take many years to replenish what has been destroyed.

Makeover

People love water and water recreation all over the world. The overuse of the waterways for recreation with no limitations is a major cause of pollution. Bottles, trash, and unwanted items seem to find their way into the water. These things endanger the sea life and have an effect on the health of the water for swimming and fishing.

Land Makeover Areas and Questions

Makeover

Preservation of wilderness and wetlands must be a priority in communities. Although the land may look like a great place to build a house or start a business, there must be some consideration of maintaining a balance in towns and cities around the world.

Makeover

In some of the largest and poorest countries in the world, money and resources are few and far between. The riches of the jungles and forests look like a way to make some money and begin development of communities. However, the jungles are an important part of the ecological balance of the world and must be cared for and maintained. Other ways and means for development and economic advance must be found.

Makeover

Farmers around the world use pesticides on their crops to keep them healthy and safe until harvest. Today these pesticides however are being questioned by scientists. Their effect on people, animals and crops is being studied. Farmers are encouraged to find natural pesticides. To prevent consuming pesticides organic foods are of the rise.

Makeover

In the United States it is difficult for farmers to make ends meet. They often have to find work outside of their farms to pay bills. It is not a business that often gives a big financial return. People do not want to pay high prices for food or milk, but farmers are often living in poverty

Makeover

The recent changes in climate and the number of natural disasters is changing the look of coastlines around the world. Land development for recreation is also having an effect on the land. It is important to maintain coastlines and stop erosion.