



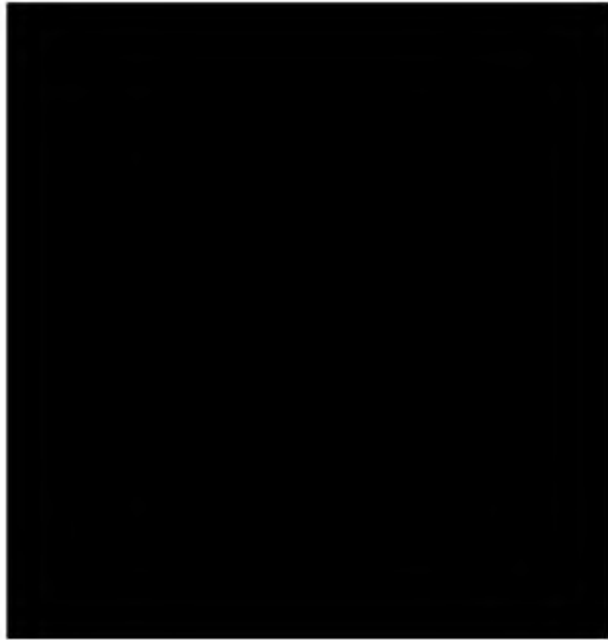
Tree Planting in China



Tree in India







**The Economics of God:
THEOS, OIKOS, NOMOS**





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How bad really is Philippine Economy?

The Church's Resistance against Mining

Defending Our Beautiful Land: The Church's Resistance against Mining



By Rev. Fr. Benigno

The Philippines is a beautiful country with a rich natural heritage. Our mountains, rivers, and forests are not only sources of natural beauty but also of economic wealth. However, the rapid pace of mining activities in the country has raised concerns among the people and the Church about the environmental and social impacts of these activities.

The Church has always been a voice for the poor and the marginalized. In the context of mining, the Church's role is to advocate for the rights of the people, especially the indigenous communities and the poor who are often the most affected by mining activities. The Church's resistance against mining is not just about environmental protection, but also about the protection of the human dignity and the common good of the Filipino people.

The Church's resistance against mining is based on the following principles:

- Environmental Protection:** Mining activities often lead to deforestation, soil erosion, and water pollution. The Church advocates for sustainable development that respects the environment.
- Social Justice:** Mining activities often result in the displacement of people and the loss of their ancestral lands. The Church advocates for the rights of the people and the fair distribution of the benefits of mining.
- Human Dignity:** Mining activities often result in the exploitation of workers and the violation of human rights. The Church advocates for the protection of the human dignity of all people.

The Church's resistance against mining is not just a moral stance, but also a political one. The Church is calling on the government to regulate the mining industry and to protect the rights of the people. The Church is also calling on the people to be more aware of the impacts of mining and to support the Church's resistance against mining.



**Why is there so much
suffering?**

heuristic session

**What would the Church
do to address ecological
crisis?**

**Natural propensity of
human beings to
asceticism**

asceticism

how?

sabbath?

creation

CHAOS?



oikos

'household enoughness'

HUMANUM

imago dei

dominion?

abad:

'to work or serve in the garden'
or 'to till or cultivate'

shamar:

'to exercise great care over'

nomos

management

stewardship

OIKOS + NOMOS

what happened?

choice







ecumene of suffering





**God does not want
human beings to suffer.**

Edward Schillebeeckx (*Jesus: an Experiment in Christology /
Christ: The Experience of Jesus as Lord*)

Thanks to Mary Catherine Hilbert, OP

**God bent toward
humanity.**

Edward Schillebeeckx (*Jesus: an Experiment in Christology*)

structures blocking MISSION?

(Church: The Human Story of God; For the Sake of the Gospel)

contrast-experience

Edward Schillebeeckx (The Understanding of Faith)

"All our negative experiences cannot brush aside the 'nonetheless' of trust which is revealed in human resistance and which prevents us from simply surrendering human beings, human society, and the world to total meaninglessness. This trust in the ultimate meaning of human life seems to me to be the basic presupposition of human action in history"

grassroots church: HOPE

Edward Schillebeeckx (Church: The Human Story of God)

GRACE in

"an unprecedented and authentic flourishing of the gospel"

grassroots church

Edward Schillebeeckx (For the Sake of the Gospel)

SPIRIT OF GOD

"Nevertheless this spirit lives on, faithful to the council, in the grassroots, among numerous believers, and there this spirit cannot be tamed"

grassroots church

Edward Schillebeeckx (For the Sake of the Gospel)

"They must have trust in the faith of a church province where the faith of our fathers and mothers is preserved, and also the desire for an abiding bond with Rome"

grassroots church

Edward Schillebeeckx (For the Sake of the Gospel)

LISTEN

"Not to want to listen to what other communities say, confess and do is arrogance towards the gospel. It would be to claim for oneself a monopoly in the understanding of the gospel and thus in the embodiment of the presence of the Holy Spirit"

grassroots church

Edward Schillebeeckx (For the Sake of the Gospel)

MISTAKES???

"Certainly mistakes will be made . . . but in all their honest attempts, believers, human beings, look for encouragement and endorsement, for the raising up of the broken reed; for blowing on the dimming flame"

grassroots church

Edward Schillebeeckx (For the Sake of the Gospel)

"Jesus, too, belongs to the other side of our history and precisely for that his suffering is remembered in the eucharist, also to the shattering of all power which is built on injustice"

bent toward humanity: God our Future

Edward Schillebeeckx (God the Future of Man)

one who consistently promises to open up a new future for those
who seem to have no human future

bent toward humanity: God our Future

Edward Schillebeeckx (The Human Story of God)

"However, things become different when the official religious institution, in its behavior and attitude, above all as a result of explicit or at least de facto alliances with the "powerful of this world," in practice leaves the little ones in the lurch and in one way or another contradicts the message which it preaches. In that case the institution becomes incredible and a stumbling block to belief in God."

bent toward humanity: God our Future

Edward Schillebeeckx (The Human Story of God)

Liberation: FREEDOM, CHOICE, FREEWILL !!!

"Daring to call human beings to life creatively is from God's perspective a vote of confidence in humankind and in its history, without any condition being placed on human beings or any guarantee being asked of them. The creation of human beings is a blank check for which God alone is a guarantor. By creating human beings with their own finite and free will, God voluntarily renounces power. That makes [God] to a high degree dependent on human beings and vulnerable."

Werlose overmacht!

defenseless superior power

"God's defenselessness at creation, God's defenselessness in the Messiah Jesus Christ, and the defenselessness of the Holy Spirit in the church and the world."

**Even in death?
Death of Jesus?
Crucifixion?
Over evil?**

**Jesus reveals God's
superior power!**

How?



bent toward humanity: God our Future

Edward Schillebeeckx (The Human Story of God)

Liberation: FREEDOM, CHOICE, FREEWILL !!!

"The basic experience of the first disciples after Good Friday was: no, evil, the cross, cannot have the last word. Jesus way of life is right and is the last word, that is sealed in his resurrection. . . Suffering and death remain absurd and may not be mystified, even in Jesus' case; but they do not have the last word, because the liberating God was absolutely near to Jesus on the cross, as during the whole of Jesus' career"

CALL

Edward Schillebeeckx (For the Sake of the Gospel)

"If the fundamental symbol of God is the living human being the image of God -then the place where human beings are humiliated, tortured and forgotten, as individuals or as a community, by persons or violent structures, is at the same time, the privileged place where (above all in our time) religious experience, indeed mysticism, becomes possible -- becomes possible precisely in and through a human action which seeks to give form to this symbol of God, the human being; seeks to raise people up and give them a voice. Only then do we come home to the liberating communion of our creator and thus the depths of ourselves"

CALL

Edward Schillebeeckx (Church: The Human Story of God)

"POLITICAL HOLINESS" (Jon Sobrino)

"In our time, for many people mysticism is the experience of the "situation of the oppressed poor". Yet it is always an experience of totality, a kind of feeling of the presence of the whole of reality, indeed the source of the whole. At all events, the Inexpressible that is experienced is more real than the chair on which the mystic is sitting, more real than all the mystic regards as reality Authentic mysticism is never flight from the world, but, on the basis of a first disintegrating source experience, and integrating and reconciling mercy with all things. It is approach, not flight."

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MARTHA: model of contemporary mysticism

"whose concern for God makes her solicitous for human beings"

**God is to be encountered
in and through creation
and humanity,
particularly wherever
human dignity is violated
or endangered.**

**"mercy is at the heart of
reality"**

"optimism of grace"

**"grace operates in and
through human freedom"**

THEOS

OIKOS

NOMOS



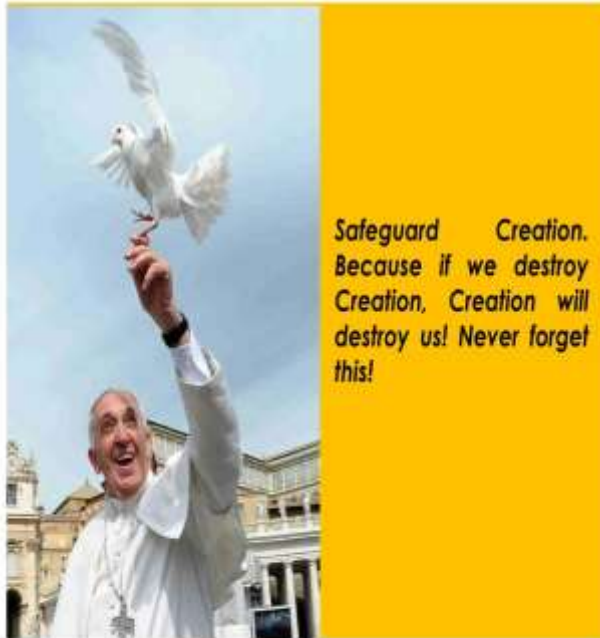
Man is not in charge today, money is in charge, money rules. God our Father did not give the task of caring for the earth to money, but to us, to men and women: we have this task! Instead, men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the "culture of waste."

I would like to make an appeal to those in possession of greater resources, to public authorities and to all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just

world, marked by greater **solidarity**! No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world!

The culture of selfishness and individualism that often prevails in our society is not, I repeat, not what builds up and leads to a more habitable world: rather, it is the culture of solidarity that does so; the culture of solidarity means seeing others not as rivals or statistics, but brothers and sisters. And we are all brothers and sisters!

That is how the name came into my heart: Francis of Assisi. For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation; these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we? He is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man ... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor!



**Safeguard Creation.
Because if we destroy
Creation, Creation will
destroy us! Never forget
this!**



*"The brain, seat of rationality,
is the finest natural
receptacle of all the galaxies
combined."*

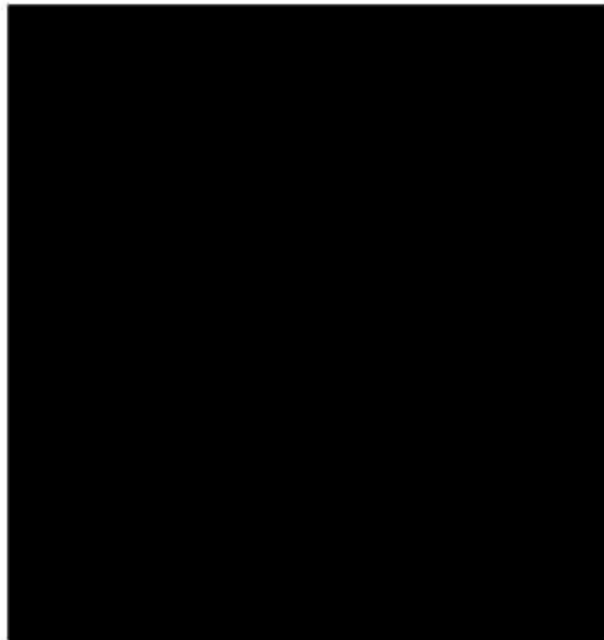
*In this consumerist generation
for which all natural resources
are seen as objects for
utilization, it is as if existence
of all things belongs to
humans' capacity to contain
the essence of nature in their
skull."*

We Are Nature
Thoughts on emerging environmental issues
RODNE RODIÑO GALICHA









Contemplare et contemplata aliis tradere.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam!

Caritas Christi urget nos.

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