



GLOBAL COMPACT
ON EDUCATION

7 TO SAFEGUARD OUR COMMON HOME

- ♥ To safeguard and cultivate our common home, protecting it from the exploitation of its resources and adopting a more sober lifestyle marked by the use of renewable energy sources and respect for the natural and human environment. ♥



♥ IDEAS FOR REFLECTION ♥

The last commitment indicated by Pope Francis clearly refers to the encyclical letter *Laudato si'*, which highlights the global dimension of the current crisis. It is not only an 'environmental' crisis, or an economic, financial, political, or social crisis. It is a crisis without any adjectives because it is an inner crisis, projected outwards in all the dimensions of the human being – in the relationship with others, with society, with things, and with the environment. What is at stake then, is of an existential order, it concerns the position that human beings assign to themselves, the way in which they perceive their own existence in the world. This is why the Pope, already in the first message launching the Compact on Education (12-09-2019), renewed the invitation to dialogue on the way in which we are building the common home and the future of the planet. The answer lies in the need to invest in the talents of all, because every change needs an educational journey to develop a new universal solidarity and a more welcoming society.

♥ VALUES ♥

- Education to respect and care for the common home and to more sober and environmentally friendly lifestyles.
- Investment in renewable energies.
- Save and promote green spaces in one's own geographical area and educational centres.



♥ SUGGESTIONS FOR EDUCATORS ♥

- Encourage environmentally friendly activities in your organisation.
- Develop a care for the common home and refine the ability to lead the heart to beauty in the face of the wonders of creation.
- Facilitate the conversion to renewable energies for your institution/organisation energy supply.
- Create green spaces in your educational centres in proportion to the number of members of your institution/organisation.



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