

My dear pupils and staff,

Welcome to your LiveSimply journey. Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and Catholic Social Teaching, my hope is your actions will have a transformational impact on each of you personally, as you reach out to support your school, local and global communities.

You are responding to Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'* that our "responsibility within creation and our duties towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of our faith." You are listening to the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" and your responses echo the greatest commandments to love God and love your neighbour.

Thank you for committing to the LiveSimply journey, and for reaching out as stewards of creation to protect God's beautiful planet, and our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, via your actions.

Please do display your registration certificate to show that you are working towards becoming a LiveSimply School. I hope you will celebrate the beginning of your journey and share with your wider community your actions as you progress, encouraging them to join in with you, whenever possible.

Should you need any help, advice is available from the LiveSimply schools team via email: schools@cafod.org.uk

Be assured that your LiveSimply journey together will be one of wonder, of belonging and integrity, arriving, I hope, in celebration.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle and Chair of CAFOD's Board of Trustees

