In response to Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical on ecology, Catholic Theological Union (CTU) presents a public lecture series exploring Catholic social teaching on environmental responsibility. For Catholics, care for the earth is a religious, spiritual, and ethical matter because pure water, clean air, nutritious food, sustainable energy — the entire universe — are God’s gifts, signs of overflowing creative generosity and love.

This course aims to energize people of faith and inform them about methods of loving and protecting creation. It will expose a Catholic moral vision for sustainable living through biblical themes, Christian doctrinal warrants, ethical sources and norms, and science for environmental literacy. Practical solutions for sustainable lifestyle changes will be offered by speakers from CTU religious communities, as well as local and national faith-based agencies.

The lectures will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. in room 210 of 5416 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago. All lectures are open to guests for $15 per lecture or $150 for the entire series. Complimentary parking is available. Students interested in taking the course for credit should register for E4400/E5400 Care for the Earth: Ethics and Environment.

September 8   Earth Story: In relationship with Scripture, Science, and Ethics
September 15  Earth Story: Old Testament, Evolution, and Geology
September 22  Earth Story: New Testament and Science Known to Jesus and the Apostles
September 29  St. Clare: Model for Sustainable Living
October 6     St. Francis and Kinship of Creation
October 13    St. Bonaventure: Christ in the Middle of a Love Triangle
October 20    Reading Week — NO LECTURE OR CLASS
October 27    Blessed John Duns Scotus: Sacred Subtle Thoughts about Creation
November 3    Flowing Water of Life
November 10   Food Access, “Foodprint,” Food Scarcity
November 17   Oil Production and Sustainable Energy
November 24   Human Caused Global Warming: A Leper Awaiting Our Embrace
December 1    Presentations — Student Projects

Register online at www.ctu.edu/lecturefall_2015.
Pre-registration online is strongly encouraged: walk-in registration will be limited.

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