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**Growing a Culture of Peace monthly bulletin for parishes and schools!
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November 6th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 20: 27, 34-38

Reflection: "He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

That God entered into this world of living, ongoing evolutionary Creation as Jesus the Christ, is living testimony that God is life. And what's more, as Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "the ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ, the measure of the maturity of all things." #83. The exciting part of this now official teaching of the Church in *Laudato Si'* is the recognition that "the ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us". This reminds we humans that all life, each and every person on the planet as well as each and every creature matters, and has a role to play in life. This puts us in our proper place in the right relationship between God, each other and the Earth. For those who can see, it is obvious from the damage to the planet and to human relationships that Earth is now telling us that things have got out of kilter. We are called to help heal the damage, to play our part in Growing a Culture of Life.

Fact File: Growing a Culture of Life involves people from all walks of life collaborating in: Welcoming new life in all its forms, ensuring the rights of all to a full life, protecting the most vulnerable, protecting the survival of planet Earth, rejecting murder, violence and war.

Learn More: On 4th October 2016, the Columbans announced a pledge to divest from fossil fuels. From moral, environmental and financial perspectives, fossil fuels are not the way forward. Over the next five years, the Missionary Society of St Columban will begin divesting away from fossil fuels, as well as putting resources into Positive Impact Investing alternatives. www.columbans.co.uk/blog/justice-and-peace/climate-change/columban-missionaries-announce-pledge-divest-fossil-fuels/

Take Action: This is a concrete step we can take to demonstrate our commitment to the care of and respect for the earth as well as faithful stewardship of the goods entrusted to us.

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