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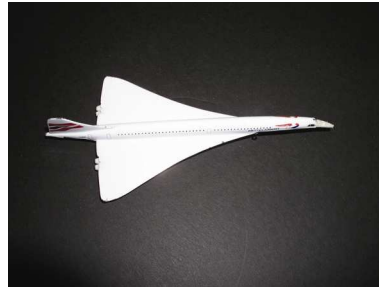
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WHAT WERE YOU DOING
IN 1967?

- A) Admiring
concorde?
- B) Listening to the
Beatles?
- C) Still basking in
England's World
Cup victory?
- D) Not yet born?



Pope Paul VI was writing a letter to the world.....

- This letter was called 'Populorum Progressio'
- 'On the Development of Peoples'
- It was concerned with global poverty and injustice

livesimply: our challenge

"All Catholics are called to act... Catholics of the richer lands must play their part to help development. They should be in the forefront of those who fight to build a better world, based on justice and equality."

Pope Paul VI, *On the development of peoples*, para.81

Everyone is responsible...



- "It is not just certain individuals but all peoples who are called to further the development of human society as a whole."¹⁷
- "Everyone must lend a ready hand to this task, particularly those who can do most by reason of their education, their office, or their authority."

Our response....

"Each person must examine their conscience, which sounds a new call in our present times.

Are they prepared to pay more for imported goods, so that the foreign producer may make a fairer profit?"



Early Church teachings...

"You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor person, but you are giving them back what is theirs.

You have been appropriating things that are meant to be for the common use of everyone. The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich."
St Ambrose (23)



Key Message:

God calls us to look hard at our lifestyles and to choose to live **SIMPLY, SUSTAINABLY** and in **SOLIDARITY** with those who live in poverty.

In this way we can help create a world in which human dignity is respected and everyone can reach their full potential. This would be true progress, worth more than economic growth alone.



Why *livesimply* – so others can simply live?



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Many Catholic organisations and groups in England and Wales have signed up to *livesimply*, creating a new network determined to transform our communities.

The challenge is to reflect, celebrate and take action to work for justice.

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Logo: Loaves and Fishes

- Recognising our own and other people's hungers, literal and metaphorical
- Reminds us of God's abundant generosity
- The need for the inclusive table



- "Individual actions may seem insignificant but together the small steps of many people can have an astonishing impact"
- from The Call of Creation by Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

What is the new *livesimply* award

- The **livesimply network with CAFOD working with Eco-Congregations** encouraging us to:
 - Live Simply
 - Live sustainably with creation
 - Live in solidarity with people living in poverty
- The Award recognises parish or community achievements in putting these principles into action.

Potential benefits for your parish.



- Nurture for our spiritual lives
- Strengthen friendships
- Support for taking practical steps
- Help to play our part in big issues
- Connections with wider community

These are some of questions :

- 1. When spending money does your parish consider the environmental and social effects of its choices? Eg. Fairtrade food or sustainable products for buildings work or office cleaning supplies.
- 2. Does your parish engage with the local council, MP or other decision makers or the media to influence public debate on issues of environmental and social justice?

Helping with the Action Plan

Of the 100 ideas which 5 does their parish already do and which 3 significant actions under each heading do you think they might undertake?

Why should parishes do the *livesimply* Award?

- 1. Recognition for the work the parish is doing already
- 2. To share with others good ideas
- 3. To play their part in an ecumenical initiative
- 4. Collectively they can achieve more impact

Inspiration by Others in Catholic Community here:



- Gunnersbury Catholic Boys' School installed solar panels

Livesimply award progress so far

- Launch in Bristol with Bishop Declan Lang
- 8 Parishes now registered as livesimply
- More than 12 parishes actively working on preparing their registration.
- Speaking events on the livesimply award in Southwark, Birmingham, Lancaster, Westminster, Hexham&Newcastle,
- Distributed over 3000 livesimply packs and over 4000 fliers
- Articles and adverts in the Catholic press
- David Hughes is livesimply coordinator and is website www.livesimplyaward.org.uk

Be inspired by:



- The ongoing work in your parishes:
- */livesimply*
- Live sustainably
- Live in solidarity

Climate Justice campaign: 2011



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Thirst for change

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Why water and sanitation?



- **Taps and toilets save lives. They're vital for good health, education, work – and human dignity**
- The MDG's recognise this, as have the G8 and the UK in the past.
- **Yet 884 million people lack access to safe water and 2.6 billion are without basic sanitation**

Facts from the taps

- **One in eight people** around the world can't access clean water.
- **Every 20 seconds** a child dies from preventable diseases caused by poor water and sanitation
- **1.7 million deaths** each year are caused by poor water, sanitation and hygiene – more than from all forms of violence, including war.



CAFOD's work

Two crucial factors in fighting water poverty in Zimbabwe and Zambia:

1.3 pronged approach:

1. Toilets



2. Taps



3. Training



We want the G8 to:

- 1. Ensure MDG 7 is met:**
make real political and financial commitments
- 2. Turn these promises into reality:**
back the Sanitation and Water for all initiative
- 3. Check progress is made:**
David Cameron to prioritise this under his 2013 Presidency



**David Cameron -
lead the G8 to end
water poverty**

Key campaign dates

- **3 Jan:** Campaign launches!
- 22 March: World Water Day, World Walks for Water events
- April: Local 'rivers of change' events
- **1 May:** Campaign closes
- 14 May: Westminster hand-in
- **20-22 May: G8 summit, US**



3 years to go
8 world leaders
20,000 people in
England and Wales
thirsting for
change...