

## Water Teachings

Water is very important. As Catholics, we should do everything in our power to give access to running water to everyone we can. We should try to conserve the water we have as well. We are taught to respect the dignity of others and protect the rights of everyone. That is why we are called to help those who can not help themselves.

Catholic Social Teaching teaches us every life has value. That is why it is our duty to protect life. Neglecting to provide clean drinking water to communities like the ones in the video is in opposition to this teaching. "By virtue of our unique dignity and our gift of intelligence, we are called to respect creation and its inherent laws, for 'the Lord by wisdom founded the earth' (Prov 3:19)" (LS 69). As part of our faith it is our obligation to protect the dignity and life of all people. The Earth's gifts are not reserved for a select few and everyone deserves equal rights to water.

Water is very precious and needs to be saved. I can conserve water in many ways. A lot of water is used in showers, so I can spend less time taking them. Also, an excess of water is used in brushing your teeth. I can turn off the faucet when I do not need it. Water is valuable, which is why everyone should do their best to conserve.

Water is called liquid gold for good reason. Every creature on the earth needs it to survive. That is why we should do everything under the sun to help the people who do not have access to it. Part of that is conserving the water that we have access to. Having an abundance of something does not mean you should waste it.