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## **CARE OF NEIGHBORS AND CREATION**

Joseph took Mary into his home. As a devoted father, he protected the Christ Child from the injustice and hatred of those in power. Both Joseph and Mary are exemplars of fidelity to the trust they received from God. As Pope Francis reminds us, we ourselves are entrusted with the care of our neighbors—especially those who are most vulnerable—and of creation itself, as well. He asks us to see Christ in those who are marginalized or persecuted. Many have been displaced by drought, famine, and climate change. Our Christian vocation calls for us to trust God's promises and work for their fulfillment.

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