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OWNERS OR GUARDIANS? MORAL AND ECOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF LAUDATO SI'

PUBLIC LECTURE BY THE INTERDIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

The Interdiocesan Environment Commission is holding a public lecture on the rights, freedoms and responsibilities towards the environment in the light of Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology, *Laudato Si'*.

Prof. José Carlos De Miranda, from the Catholic University of Portugal and the University of Lisbon – Centre of Philosophy, will discuss the theme: “Owners or Guardians? Moral and Ecological Significance of *Laudato Si'*”. The event will be held on Friday, 15th February 2019, at the Catholic Institute in Floriana at 7 p.m. On Saturday, 16th February 2019, the lecture will be held at the Sacred Heart Seminary in Victoria, Gozo, at 9 a.m. The general public is invited to attend.

Prof. De Miranda holds a PhD in theology and philosophy and is a professor at the Portuguese Catholic University in Braga where he taught anthropology, ethics and history of religions. As a researcher, he currently collaborates with the Center of Philosophy (University of Lisbon) in the project *De Restitutione*, coordinating the edition of unpublished Latin manuscripts of the Renaissance masters of the Universities of Coimbra and Évora, in whose theories about *dominium* he finds valid assumptions for contemporary environmental ethics.