

# *Pope Francis says coronavirus should spark new environmental awareness*

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Vatican City, June 22 (RHC)-- The drastic reduction in pollution during coronavirus lockdowns around the world should lead to greater concern for the environment as restrictions are lifted, Pope Francis said.

At his Sunday address in St. Peter's Square, Francis said the pandemic made many people reflect on their relationship with the environment.

"The lockdown has reduced pollution and revealed once more the beauty of so many places free from traffic and noise. Now, with the resumption of activities, we should all be more responsible for looking after our common home," he said.

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