Ecological Economics

Our economy is part of our human society and embedded in our common home. Ecological economics promotes sustainable production, fair trade, and ethical consumption and investments. We are called to create an economy that helps people live with dignity on a healthy planet.

How can YOU respond in your own life?
Consider ways that you and your dear ones can make socially responsible improvements in your home and purchases.

Try these ideas

- Have you visited a farmers’ market and bought locally produced and prepared food?
- Do you favor retailers and other businesses that use recyclable materials?
- Do you support those who perform care labor and treat them with dignity?
- Have you become more efficient in your use of electricity and natural gas in your home?

EXAMPLE: POWER YOUR HOME WITH THE SUN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND YOUR WALLET.
After the passage of Illinois’ clean energy law, 2022 is on track to be one of the biggest years for solar energy in the state’s history. Going solar reduces greenhouse gas emissions and results in fewer air pollutants which can cause health problems. After accounting for federal, state, and local solar incentives, the net price for solar can fall significantly for homeowners. Installing a solar energy system helps you save money on electric bills and protects against rising electricity rates in the future. (Sources: Solar Energy Industries Association, EnergySage)

How have you brought ecological economics into your life?
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