**Capitalism, Business and Markets in a World of Limited Resources**

Choose life

“I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

 Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.” (Deut. 30:19)

 Our lives and the economy.

Economies - local and global

 a) benefit many

 b) leave many behind

 c) impact the environment

The Carteret Islanders (Sun Come Up)

Capitalism (and businesses)

 a) inherent characteristics

 1) unending growth

 2) expanding consumption

 b) wealth and power concentration

Critiquing capitalism

 a) compatible with Christianity?

 1) Walter Rauschenbusch

 2) Virgil Michel, OSB

 3) Pope Francis

 b) Christian realism

 1) Reinhold Niebuhr

 2) Catholic social teaching

 3) Pope John Paul II on market economies

 c) impact on the environment - Pope Francis

A Christian’s challenge - Choose life!

 a) people left behind

 b) challenge the way we live

 c) imagine a different way

 d) seek a different relationship with creation