

**Laudato Si' Action Platform:** Seven year journey focusing on integral ecology from the Vatican Dicastery. The goal from the Vatican is to make Communities around the world totally sustainable in the spirit of integral ecology. The seven groups include: Families, Dioceses/Parishes, Schools, Universities, Hospitals/Health Care Centers, Business/Agricultural Farms, Religious Orders. LCWR is leading the charge in the U.S. for religious women to take concrete steps toward a sustainable future informed by their own charism and tailored to local circumstances.

Religious congregations' participation will be built on three pillars: public commitment to the seven-year journey, transition to integral ecology, networking and advocacy for systemic change at the local, national and international levels.

Helpful web sites providing resources to implement the seven goals are: Laudato Si' Action Platform, Sowing Hope for the Planet, Laudato Si Movement, Catholic Climate Covenant and YouTube channel, Planet Hope. Several more provide action plans.

**Seven Goals:** The Ecological crisis is “a summons to profound interior conversion” (LS 217). Our response to that conversion, we realize “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue” (LS 216).



Address climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability. Commit to transition to clean renewable energy to reduce fossil fuels emissions. Protect and promote biodiversity such as planting native trees, regenerative agriculture, and pollinators. Provide access to clean water for all. Protect waterways and ocean life. Install more energy efficient items.



Defend human life from conception to death and all forms of life on Earth. Promote and protect Indigenous leadership and their right to their land. Ensure clean air and access to greenspaces. Stand in solidarity with vulnerable people by delivering programs to address basic needs. Address failed systems and advocate for change. Promote eco-justice and grow in solidarity with vulnerable people.



This includes sustainable production, Fair Trade, ethical consumption and investments. Divest from fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy. Support a livable wage. Choose ethical banking and insurance companies. Support creation of good jobs. Purchase goods from retailers that are ethically and sustainably produced. Buy from cooperatives and companies that support livable wages.



Promote sobriety in the use of resources and energy. Avoid single use plastic. Adopt a more plant based diet and reduce meat consumption. Begin to transition from meat-based to plant-based meals. Reduce food waste. Buy from local producers when possible. Eliminate the use of disposable plastic and Styrofoam. Increase usage of electric vehicles, correctly recycling and reducing purchases.



Begin to re-think and redesign educational curricular. Create ecological awareness and transformative action. Become aware of local ecosystem. Be aware of the science and social dimensions of the ecological crisis. Develop action plans to address the ecological emergency. Attend conferences or webinars. Provide programs on ecological living. Provide information sharing on ecological issues.



Recover a religious vision of God's creation that encourages greater contact with the natural world in the spirit of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude. Continue participating in Season of Creation and publically praying for our social and ecological redemption. Publish statements that advocate for the sacredness of creation and the need for protection. Provide reflections on Laudato Si' themes and share prayers/meditations. Connect spiritual dimension with action plans.



Advocate for social and ecological causes by identifying a social and environmental policy focus. Consider a public statement. Organize by letter writing. Encourage rootedness in local territory and neighborhood ecosystems. Partner with local churches and community leaders. Develop resilience by analyzing the physical, social and spiritual ways our local community is likely to be affected by climate change. Design a plan to prepare for those changes.

We are called as a community and as individuals to: Reflect, Act, and Evaluate our progress on these seven goals. Individuals were invited to sign a new Laudato Si' pledge card this fall in the forum groups. Please request a pledge card if you did not attend a fall forum from the Care of Creation Task Force.

Before Nov.14 our leadership team is invited to endorse this seven year journey by signature or a statement of our commitment from the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN.

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