

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ

LAUDATO SI

ACTION PLAN
YEAR 3 - 2024 - 2025

Answer the Call

**FOR THE CARE
OF OUR
COMMON HOME**



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Bishop Oscar Cantú enrolled the Diocese of San Jose in the Laudato Si Action Platform in 2022.

“Our human family continues to face an increased socio-ecological crisis, with high risks of disease, hunger, migration, and conflicts due to environmental degradation and climate change. ...A year ago, the Holy Father launched an extraordinary worldwide effort to foster collaboration between the Vatican and an international coalition of Catholic organizations. The effort ... is aimed at mobilizing Catholics and “all men and women of goodwill” (LS 3), to take “decisive action, here and now” as we journey towards a better future together. (LS 161). As part of our continuous Diocesan steps towards this goal, I have enrolled in the Laudato Si’ Action Platform.” November 10, 2022



The primary responsibility for the implementation of the Laudato Si Action Plan rests with the Office of Life, Justice, and Peace Office and the Stewards of Our Common Home (Stewards) Committee. The second year plan recognized the contributions of other committees and offices, as well as the work of the Stewards, in promoting and supporting one or more of the goals.

The Diocese of San Jose has published a Diocesan Pastoral Plan and has begun implementation of 6 strategic priorities. Some of the work of the Laudato Si Action Plan will align into these priorities. The alignment will be discussed and developed over the next 8 years. These are supported by values that include “care for the poor and vulnerable” and “care for the earth as God’s sacred creation and our common home.

This Laudato Si Action Plan builds on the work of the last two years and is designed to support the mission, values, and vision of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. We continue to engage parishes and schools and work through the Office of Life Justice and Peace to engage Chancery teams as appropriate to align the actions to the mission of the church and priorities of the Pastoral Plan.





RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

The Response to the Cry of the Earth is a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.

ACTIONS

ACTION 1: Season of Creation Mass at the Cathedral on September 1

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace, Liturgy

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: Season of Creation, September, 2024



ACTION 2: The Gospel of Water series

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office, St. Simon Parish and St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: Season of Creation, September/October 2024



ACTION 3: Alignment of LSAP Goals with Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: Identify opportunities, Spring, 2025

ACTION 4: Steward's webpage

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

The Response to the Cry of the Earth is a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.



ACTIONS

ACTION 1: Strengthen solidarity with Life

Justice and Peace teams

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 2: Support Parish Outreach programs

Team: Life Justice and Peace Office Office

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 3: Rice Bowl and CRS Chapters

Team: CRS Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Sustainable Living

Time Frame: Lent 2025

ACTION 4: Braiding Together – Indigenous Environmental and Economic Justice

Team: JustFaith Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Ecological Education

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 5: 40 Days for Life

Team: Respect Life Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: Winter 2025

ACTION 6: Mental Health Education

Team: Mental Health Team and Pastoral Plan Implementation Team

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 7: Support for Small Business

Team: Catholic Campaign for Human Development Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 8: Service Projects with Scouts

Team: Catholic Committee on Scouting and Life Justice and Peace

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going



ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Ecological Economics includes sustainable production and consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and any activity harmful to the planet and the people, supporting circular economies, and prioritizing care labor and protecting the dignity of workers.

ACTIONS

ACTION 1: “Divestment from Fossil Fuels”

Presentation

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace, and Finance Office

Related Goals: Care of the Earth

Time Frame: July, 2024

ACTION 2: Promote Fair Trade and Compostable Resources

Team: Stewards, Life, Justice and Peace, Parish and School teams

Related Goals: Sustainable Living and Ecological Education

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 3: Scout Econ Badge

Team: Catholic Committee on Scouting, Life Justice and Peace

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 4: Promote solar installations in parishes and schools

Team: Stewards

Related Goals: Ecological Economics

Time Frame: On-going



SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

The Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles is grounded in the idea of sufficiency, and promoting sobriety in the use of resources and energy including reducing waste.

ACTIONS

ACTION 1: Assist Parishes and Schools with Laudato Si Actions

Team: Stewards

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 2: Reduction of Waste and Use of Compostable resources

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace, Catholic Committee on Scouting

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going





ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Ecological Education is about re-thinking and re-designing curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster Laudato Si themes within the community.

ACTIONS

ACTION 1: Assist Parishes and Schools with Laudato Si Programs

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 2: Support Parish Outreach programs

Team: Life Justice and Peace Office Office

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 3: Rice Bowl and CRS Chapters

Team: CRS Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Sustainable Living

Time Frame: Lent 2025

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Team: JustFaith Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Ecological Education

Time Frame: On-going



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Team: Respect Life Team and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Community Engagement

Time Frame: Winter 2025

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Time Frame: On-going

ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

Ecological Spirituality springs from a profound ecological conversion and helps us to “discover God in all things”, both in the beauty of creation and in the sighs of the sick and the groans of the afflicted, aware that the life of the spirit is not dissociated from worldly realities.

ACTIONS

ACTION 1: Promote Blessing of the Animals

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Care for the Earth

Time Frame: September 29 – October 4, 2024

ACTION 2: Provide Advent Resources for Parishes and Schools

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Care for the Poor and the Earth

Time Frame: October, 2024

ACTION 3: Promote Stations of the Cross with the Spirit of Laudato Si

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Care for the Poor

Time Frame: January, 2025

ACTION 4: Offer Time of Reflection and Prayer

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Care for the Earth

Time Frame: Seasonal

ACTION 5: Provide Sample Intercessions for Parishes for Season of Creation

Team: Stewards, Office of Life Justice, and Peace

Related Goals: Care for the Earth

Time Frame: August, 2024

ACTION 6: Support Laudato Si Circles

Team: Stewards

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement includes promoting advocacy, encouraging local campaigns, and participating in local and neighborhood programs.

ACTIONS

ACTION 1: Advocacy for environmental and anti-poverty issues

Team: Stewards, Life Justice and Peace Office, California Catholic Conference

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 2: Promote Creek Clean Up Day

Team: Stewards and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Ecological Economics

Time Frame: Fall, 2024 and Spring, 2025

ACTION 3: Promote City of San Jose Environmental Services

Team: Stewards and Parishes and Schools

Related Goals: Care for the Earth

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 4: Encourage Engagement with City Sustainability Plans

Team: Stewards, Parishes, Schools

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

ACTION 5: Develop Connections with Santa Clara University

Team: Stewards and Life Justice and Peace Office

Related Goals: Laudato Si Action Platform

Time Frame: On-going

