

ACTIONS for July, 2022- June, 2023

The actions this year focus on raising awareness through programs and networking. Our programs are promoted through the Department of Evangelization. Our networking includes introducing ourselves to diocesan departments and offices, parishes, and schools.

Volunteer members of the Stewards of our Common Home Committee in the Office for Life, Justice, and Peace in the Department of Evangelization are the drivers of the actions this year. One goal is for other Chancery offices to step up and create their own action plans in the coming years.

Our commitment is grounded and supported by the urgency of the climate crisis and the leadership of Pope Francis. We are encouraged by local and international efforts for reaching net zero together with climate restoration.

Programs/ Events

- September (2022)– Care for Creation
 - Creek Clean-up
 - Speaker – Earth on Your Plate
 - Education on 7 goals
 - Blessing of Animals
- Nov 13, 2022, World Day of the Poor
 - Announcement of Enrollment
 - Prayer, homily and music ideas live simply
- Lent, 2023
 - Presentation of worksheets for 7 goals
 - CRS Rice Bowl partnership and promotion
 - Meatless Lunch for the Chancery
 - Climate Awareness Stations of the Cross
- May, 2023 LS Anniversary
 - Diocesan prayer event
 - partner with local Retreat Center
 - Creek Clean-Up
- Book Club

Chancery Relations - Actions

- Office of the Bishop
 - Advocacy: Letters of Support for regulations, standards and legislation supporting any of the 7 goals
 - Letter to the Diocese announcing and supporting the Action Platform
- Evangelization Administration
 - Announcements/publicity for events and programs
 - Maintain Web page resources
- Worship/Liturgy
 - prayer, homily and music suggestions
- Institute for Leadership in Ministry
 - Care of Creation/Laudato Si and Action Platform, Fall 2022

Chancery Relations - Meetings/ conversations to raise awareness and inspire action plan for coming years.

- Clergy - On-Going Formation Committee
 - request a workshop (Study days -CA Catholic Conference letter, 2019)
- Finance Office to review and prioritize investments (including banking)
 - align with sustainability and social justice and end fossil fuel investments.
- Facilities Department
 - reduce water for irrigation at the Chancery.
- Office of Life, Justice and Peace
 - Build partnerships with other projects/programs, including CCHD, CRS, Faithful Citizenship, Migrants & Refugees, Mental Health Ministry (eco-anxiety), and Respect Life.
- Superintendent of Schools
 - Meet with elementary principals in August
 - Introduce the Laudato Si Action Platform elements
 - support environmental stewardship, look for supplements
 - Introduce/promote CA Catholic Conference curriculum for 4 & 7grades
 - Provide materials for Season of Creation
 - Promote curriculum for Throw Away Culture awareness
 - Retreats in natural settings (Confirmation Retreat)

- Promote community service for the environment
- Meet with individual school admin and faculty to promote above and integrate with parish/diocesan engagement
- Faith Formation Catechetical Programs
 - Meet with Faith Formation Directors
 - Introduce the Laudato Si Action Platform elements
 - support environmental stewardship, look for supplements
 - Promote curriculum for Throw Away Culture awareness
 - Retreats in natural settings (Confirmation Retreat)
 - Promote community service for the environment
 - Connect with specific parishes to integrate Faith Formation program with parish/ diocesan engagement.
- Youth and Young Adults
 - Meet with Youth Ministers
 - promote Retreats in natural settings (DYR at Tahoe)
 - Find out what resources are being used to practice environmental stewardship and reduce eco-anxiety
 - Connect with Mental Health programs
 - Finalize Lesson Plans derived from the Throwaway Culture series (9/21)
 - Orient youth going to Lisbon (Aug 23) on Laudato Si
 - Promote community service for the environment

Parishes

- Partner with parish's Social Ministry teams to support and encourage enrollment in LSAP
- Partner with parishes to support and strengthen their Care for Creation teams
 - Share our Introduction to Laudato Si Action Platform presentation (in person or YouTube)
 - Promote Gardens – food, drought, native plants, support pollinators, meditation
 - Support a volunteer training effort for volunteers from all parishes
 - Promote/organize screenings to view/discuss video presentations (example – one parish host and invite neighbors (community, churches, ...) to attend)
 - Promote partner parishes for starting Care for Creation teams
 - Identify parish leaders in each deanery to promote and assist teams

Catholic High Schools

- Partner with Social Ministry teams to support and encourage enrollment in LSAP
 - Encourage Retreats in natural settings
 - Provide ideas from the Throwaway Culture series (9/21)
 - Find out what resources are being used to teach about and practice environmental stewardship
 - Introduce/promote CA Catholic Conference curriculum for Grade 11
 - Promote community service for the environment and Laudato Si

Network

- Develop relationships with another Diocese, other Catholic organizations, and civic groups to share ideas and guidance and promote programs and events.