



# Laudato Si' Action Plan

## Archdiocese of Seattle

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# Purpose

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To identify areas for improvement in our ability to live compatibly in the environment God created for us.



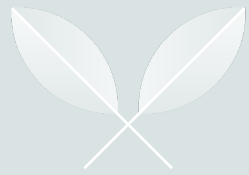


## 7 Goals of Laudato Si'

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- Response to the Cry of the Earth
  - Response to the Cry of the Poor
    - Ecological Economies
  - Adaptation of Sustainable Lifestyle
    - Ecological Education
    - Ecological Spirituality
  - Community Resilience and Empowerment
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# Goal One



Response to Cry of the Earth

**LS Goal 1**



# Response to Cry of the Earth - LS Goal 1

## YEAR ONE

- Together for our Common Home Climate Action Summit - July 9-11, 2024
- Develop an Ethic of Conversation to incorporate into Partners in the Gospel Strategic Planning
- Clean water and Salmon restoration initiatives and advocacy
- Day of Service planting trees at CYO Camps for Chancery Staff on Arbor Day.

## YEAR TWO

- Chancery-wide audit of energy use/Energy Star Portfolio
- Develop toolkits for creating action plans and Creation Care Teams
- Household carbon footprint trackers/carbon offset programs/ parish energy audit kits.
- Encourage Neighborhood Clean Up Days in the First Hill community.

# Response to Cry of the Earth - LS Goal 1

## YEAR THREE

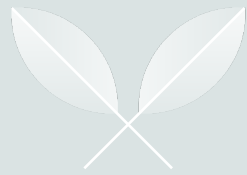
- Green Energy Building Guidelines, incorporate state & federal into facility strategic planning
- Rooftop water collection systems for use in plumbing and watering needs.
- Explore Renewable Energy sources - solar, water, wind, geothermal, and green technologies.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

- Green fleet/EV Fleet - develop a plan for replacement of existing vehicles with hybrid or electric.
- EV Chargers for use by fleet and staff.



# Goal Two



Response to Cry of the Poor

**LS Goal 2**



# Response to Cry of the Poor – LS Goal 2

## YEAR ONE

- Fostering awareness with multicultural, immigrant and refugee groups around sustainability and environment.
- Promote reusable/sustainable bags for Food Banks and AGAPE Missions.
- Communication infographics on overconsumption and effect on poor and vulnerable.

## YEAR TWO

- Develop Creation Care Grant program for development of programs for sustainability.
- Provide opportunities for multicultural communities to educate clergy & faithful – impact of climate change in native lands (sea rise, agricultural issues leading to hunger and force migration, extreme weather disasters, war over scarce resources).



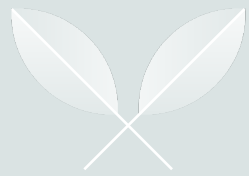
# Response to Cry of the Poor – LS Goal 2

## YEAR THREE

- Work with CCSWW on providing affordable housing opportunities.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

# Goal Three



Ecological Economies

**LS Goal 3**



# Ecological Economies – LS Goal 3

## YEAR ONE

- Ethical Investment/Banking and Divestment - Currently at 2.3% S&P500 Investments. All investments follow USCCB Guidelines.
- Establish Annual Review of compensation & benefit philosophy/analysis of pay to market vs livable wage.
- AOS Technology Plan - cloud driven and paperless system, use of Teams for remote/Zoom for global meetings.
- Remote Work Options to reduce office energy consumption and vehicle emissions on roads.
- Centralized purchasing, single delivery point, standardization of consumables, eco-friendly supplies and avoiding single-use items (pens, coffee pods, plastics).

## YEAR TWO

- AOS Technology Plan 2025 and future assistance for parish families.
- Development of LSAP Teams/Liaisons to assist parish families and schools in development of plans.
- Raise awareness of consumerism and economic power of “No Purchase Day” or “Lights Out” Evenings campaigns.

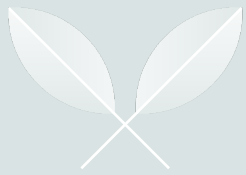
# Ecological Economies – LS Goal 3

## YEAR THREE

- Promote financial analyses within parish families to ensure intentionality towards integral ecology.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

# Goal Four



Adaptation of Sustainable  
Lifestyles

**LS Goal 3**





# Adaptation of Sustainable Lifestyles – LS Goal 4

## YEAR ONE

- Encouraged use of Public Transit/Orca cards, Walking, Bicycling, Carpool/Vanpools, and use of stairs.
- Reduction of bottled water use by utilizing personal containers or biodegradable cups and water purifiers for refilling.
- Reduce/Reuse/Recycle and Composting program on all floors of Chancery.
- Upgrade lighting to LED with sensor switches.
- Partner with Catholic Climate Covenant for resources and sign the St. Francis Pledge.

## YEAR TWO

- Encourage increase tree planting, gardens, and “no-mow” areas and pollinator gardens at parishes.
- Incorporate themes into calendar – Lent, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Laudato Si’ Week, Season of Creation.

# Adaptation of Sustainable Lifestyles – LS Goal 4

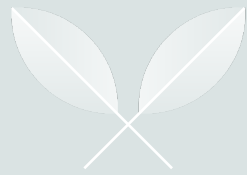
## YEAR THREE

- Develop an Events Checklist for AOS with sustainable practices, purchases and behaviors (zero-waste, sustainable packaging).
- Develop schedule of equipment replacement that includes energy efficient replacements/energy star certified products.
- Encourage Parish/School “Shared Resources” programs that encourage a shared “communion of goods” approach.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

- Promotion of Meatless Mondays (similar to Friday in Lent) to replace eating meat with plant-based education.
- Improving sustainability in diets by reducing food waste before and after market, composting, buying food from local producers, when possible.

# Goal Five



Ecological Education

**LS Goal 5**



# Ecological Education – LS Goal 5

## YEAR ONE

- Develop and dedicate a page or new website to Our Common Home/Laudato Si, including information about our local ecosystem, science and social dimensions of the ecological crisis, and ecological virtues.
- Develop an Archdiocesan Care for Creation Task Force that incorporates youth, young adults, business leaders, and experts from parishes to guide future planning.
- Work with CYO Camps and Environmental Education on developing LSAP specific to CYO and Environmental Education Curriculum.

## YEAR TWO

- Incorporate themes from LSAP into Partners in the Gospel Strategic Planning.
- Create study guides and host study sessions on Laudato Si/Laudate Deum for deaneries/parish families.
- Day of Caring activities with AOS staff – tree planting at CYO Camps.
- Assist Office of Catholic Schools in educating and preparing schools for developing LSAP specific to each community.

# Ecological Education – LS Goal 5

## YEAR THREE

- Develop webinars for parish family use.
- Encourage “Just Faith” programming in parishes.
- Encourage “Restoration or Sustainability Days” at CYO Camps.
- Work closely with local indigenous groups to promote awareness and partnership.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

- Work with OVC for Priest and Deacon Formation opportunities.
- Continue to educate on research from the scientific community and international collaborations – UN COP Summits.



# Goal Six



Ecological Spirituality

**LS Goal 6**



# Ecological Spirituality – LS Goal 6

## YEAR ONE

- Develop Creation-based liturgies/Mass for Care of Creation/ climate related Prayers of the Faithful.
- Encourage incorporating a practice of personal prayer for all creation among Chancery staff.
- Add a Laudato Si' category to current Mother Joseph employee recognition award (or create standalone award).

## YEAR TWO

- Develop ecological catechesis and retreats for parish -based ministries.
- Incorporate ecological catechesis and spirituality into archdiocesan events (Rally, Convention, Youth Council, Young Adult Council).
- Work with CYO Environmental Education and Principals to develop ecological spirituality into curriculum for OCS.
- Develop celebrations for Earth Day/Laudato Si Week/Season of Creation/ and Feast of St. Francis.

# Ecological Spirituality – LS Goal 6

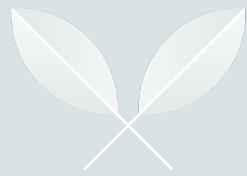
## YEAR THREE

- Work with OCS to develop Art Contests and/or Nature Photo Contests.
- Sponsor an annual retreat for Creation Care Teams from parish families.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

- Develop a eucharistic theology of Creation that expresses the beauty of ecological conversion and transformation.

# Goal Seven



Community Resilience and  
Empowerment

**LS Goal 7**





# Community Resilience and Empowerment – LS Goal 7

## YEAR ONE

- Network & Advocate with Earth Ministry/WAIPL, Catholic Climate Covenant, Citizen Climate Lobby, Faith Action Network, Washington State Catholic Conference, and IPJC for local, state and national level efforts in climate and environment.
- Partner with local Creation Care Network to establish relationship.
- Join the Inter-diocesan Creation Care Network with the Catholic Climate Covenant (CCC).

## YEAR TWO

- Promote advocacy for creation & environment, Laudato Si'/Laudate Deum, and COP Summits with parishes.
- Partner with Youth Action Internship/Advocacy through IPJC.
- Promote outreach with local indigenous groups.



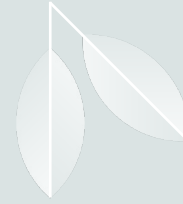
# Community Resilience and Empowerment – LS Goal 7

## YEAR THREE

- Begin assisting development of Creation Care Teams at the parish family level.
- Encourage local/grassroots campaigns for communities and neighborhood ecosystems.
- Work with WSCC for statewide legislation that impacts local communities.

## YEAR FOUR & FIVE

- Sponsor legislative sessions with local, state and/or federal officials to meet regarding environmental issues and legislation.
- Advocate for local efforts: salmon restoration, clean air, neighborhood clean-up, etc.



All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.

Pope Francis  
*Laudato Si'*





## Summary

Hence, “the creatures of this world no longer appear to us under merely natural guise, because the risen One is mysteriously holding them himself and directing them towards fullness as their end. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence.” If “the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely...there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face.” The world sings of an infinite Love: how an we fail to care for it?

***Pope Francis, Laudate Deum, 65***



# Thank you



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