

May 2024 Victory Noll Sisters Creation Care Grant Winners Awarded by Catholic Climate Covenant

Name of your Faith Community	(Arch)Diocese	"In one sentence, describe your project/program."
Laudato Si' Movement NH Chapter	Diocese of Manchester	Supporting the Laudato Si' Circles/Creation Care Teams of the four founding parishes and recruit and train 10 more parishes through a Jubilee Year retreat.
Benedictine Sisters of Erie	Erie PA	Engage students in implementing mechanical controls to remove invasive plants and in soil preparation for a wildflower meadow.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church	Belleville, Illinois	Improve the aesthetic and educational potential of the School Pollinator Habitat.
Saint Augustine Catholic Church	San Francisco	Youth Group will host ecological education opportunities, encourage adoption of sustainable lifestyles, and foster resilience and empowerment in the Saint Augustine Community.
Saint Mary's College	Fort Wayne-South Bend	Create an educational series at the College Sustainable Farm to include monthly educational service events and liturgies for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and Rogation Day.
Diocese of Phoenix	Phoenix	Led by a young adult, hold a synodal style listening session of members from the diverse communities in the Diocese; a step toward our larger goal of inviting people to live out the Catholic Social Teaching of Care for Creation.
Norwood Fontbonne Academy/Sisters of Saint Joseph	Philadelphia	Use the Climate Action Kit with middle school students as a user-friendly STEM tool to enables students to code robotics that demonstrate sustainable practices such as wind turbines and solar power.
Catholic Multicultural Center	Diocese of Madison (WI)	Provide Care for Creation opportunities to a more diverse and representative group while taking internal actions to promote a healthy community and a healthy planet.
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community	Santa Fe	Gathering youth to plant vegetable gardens in household backyards, schools, and health organizations to promote sustainability, general agricultural education and ecological spirituality.
Kinship Community Food Center	Milwaukee	The Face of Hunger training at the Urban Farm, led by young Catholic missionary interns, to teach farm volunteers about food insecurity in Milwaukee.

Sacred Heart University	Bridgeport	Work with students to clean-up our campus and create contemplative prayer gardens.
St John Evangelist Catholic Church	Atlanta, GA	The project is a comprehensive permaculture gardening program for the youth of the parish and school.
Sinsinawa Dominicans, Inc.	Madison, WI	Launch "Fields of Sinsinawa," a farmer-led initiative to promote regenerative agriculture in collaboration with the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa and area farmers in the Driftless region.
Mount Carmel High School	Chicago	Caravan Farms is a grouping of four extra large planters that we are hoping to use to grow food for the local food bank.
Catholic Charities Environmental Justice Program at Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton	Stockton CA under Bishop Myron Cotta	Host a workshop for county deacons and parishioners with hands on interactive learning opportunities relating to the principles of <i>Laudato Si'</i> and its inherent call for change.
Resurrection-St. Paul School	Baltimore	Parent volunteer committee that implements restoration and maintenance projects of the forest conservation area and maintains all landscaping on the school's 22-acre campus.
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center	Hartford	Family Retreat participants will plant a pollinator garden made up of native species learn about the call to care for creation in <i>Laudato Si'</i> .
St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish	Fort Wayne-South Bend	Vegetable garden on our campus will provide nutritious, chemical-free produce for those we serve while teaching sustainable practices and integral ecology within the school.
St. Francis Of Assisi	Syracuse	Help fund installation of 2- EV charging stations in a NYSEG identified disadvantaged area.
Brophy College Preparatory	Jesuits West	Working with student/teacher environmental committee, place high quality signs in the dining hall about where students' receive their food, water, and energy from.
St Anthonys R.C.	Diocese of Rockville Centre	To engage the local parishes in an educational series of meetings focusing on Ecological Conversion.
Peoria Diocese Council of Catholic Women, Care For Creation Committee	Diocese of Peoria, IL	We plan to launch our Care for Creation outreach throughout the Peoria Diocese via a Green Mass followed by presentations on Care for Creation.
Immaculate Heart of Mary School	Archdiocese of Paterson, New Jersey	'Fruits of the Spirit' is a school-wide environmental initiative integrating religion, science, and art to plant a community fruit tree orchard, providing healthy snacks for a local shelter, fostering environmental stewardship, including an Earth Day Fest
Viator House of Hospitality	Chicago Archdiocese	The young men of Viator House grow vegetables which they then provide to a local food pantry

Catholic Relief Services, Diocese of Belleville	Belleville, IL	Help fund efforts to raise awareness of the poverty caused by of climate change and to help Catholics respond through fundraising and advocacy for CRS work in the area of mitigation and adaptation.
St. Thomas Aquinas	Des Moines	To educate parishioners on the importance of waste reduction and to encourage all church events to be plastic free.
Sisters of IHM, Scranton, PA	Scranton	IHM Land Restoration: Create a collaborative and educational Composting System for IHM Center (Motherhouse)
Focolare Media	New York	Empower and amplify the voices of young writers who are committed to responsible stewardship of the earth and its creatures.
Franciscan Renewal Center	Phoenix	Creation at the Crossroads: A program consisting of small faith-sharing and service group meetings for the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	Richmond	Help mitigate the 150 degree temperature over our large parking lot on the church property by planting trees on the perimeter.
Saint Barbaras Roman Catholic Church	Greensburg	In collaboration with the parish American Heritage Girl and Trail Life Troops and Youth Group, install and maintain a certified Monarch Waystation on our parish property.
Boston Catholic Climate Movement (BCCM)	Boston	In partnership with the nonprofit Heart-to-Heart, offer scholarships to young adults in underserved communities to help develop vital communications, community-building and advocacy skills.
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Diocese of Winona-Rochester	The clothing closet initiative provides sustainable new or gently used clothing to current and prospective students who are in need of clothing.
The University of Scranton	Scranton	Coordinate and direct multiple student led outdoor retreat programs where students are challenged to step away from their plugged-in lives and seek God in nature.
ARISE Adelante	Brownsfield	Planned and led by ARISE Adelante trained youth in low-income immigrant communities of the Rio Grande Valley, this project teaches the community about caring for themselves and the earth.
New Melleray Abbey	Dubuque	Converting intensive agricultural fields to diverse forests, adjacent to creeks in order to restore water quality and ecosystem diversity.
All Saints Parish	Syracuse	Host a compost program, focusing on education, active modeling, and encouragement of compost practices and benefits.
Fannie Bluntzer Nason Renewal Center, Inc. dba The Spirit Center	Corpus Christi	Create a half-day environmental 'retreat' for elementary school children at our rural retreat facility.

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia	located in Archdiocese of Philadelphia	Two events: an eco-justice and spirituality event for young adults during the Season of Creation, and a follow-up service event later in the fall to expand our native pollinator garden
Roman Catholic Church	Orange	Create a series of wellness walks to inspire education, reflection, fellowship and encourage the integration of thinking about mental health and care for creation for a multi-generational audience, specifically young adults and young families.
St. Damien Parish	Diocese of Camden	Our project aims to educate and promote action by our Faith Formation families to reduce plastic waste in our community.
Crespi Carmelite High School	Los Angeles (Carmelite Order)	Help purchase a MegaReencle - All School Commercial Composter
ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH MINISTERS HOUSTON CHAPTER	Houston-Galveston Archdiocese	Create a 'Healing Earth's Heart' campaign in response to the urgent need to address eco-grief and build spiritual resilience within our community.
Church of St. Timothy	St. Paul and Minneapolis	Install a water bottle refill station
Paulist Center Boston	Boston	Obtain materials and licenses to expand Creation Care education for our community, especially the youth in religious education.
Laudato Youth Initiative	Fort Wayne-South Bend	Help purchase equipment to be used to educate Laudato Youth and their Mentors in the implementation of a one million tree-planting drive that involves mobilizing people from different communities
St. Thomas More Catholic Church	San Diego	Provide benches for people to sit on during garden-sponsored educational events such as topics that help care for the earth (i.e. composting, natural eradication of garden pests).
Blessed Trinity Church	Cleveland, Ohio	To support two edible forests and 35 raised beds to feed community and teach children about sustainable gardening.
ICM Missionary Sisters	Diocese of Brownsville	Increasing greenery and healthy food in this rural community in a desert-like landscape through community gardens and planting citrus fruit trees in family yards.
Catholic Campus Ministry	Springfield/Cape Girardeau	Buy and build compost system whose product will change Newman Center food waste into garden enrichment.
Waterspirit (a sponsored ministry of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace)	non-Diocesan	Waterspirit encapsulates the goals of Laudato Si' through eco-spirituality, meditation, and mindfulness programs in appreciation and protection of Mother Earth and her resources.

Madonna University	Detroit	The students will study Laudato Si ecological message and connect it to restoring the campus pond
Deignan Institute for Earth and Spirit	New York	“Sowing Seeds for Eco-Justice at Iona University,” aims to empower students directly, by funding their ideas for creative projects, site visits, and participation in workshops and trainings related to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.
St. Mary Star of the Sea School	Diocese of San Diego	Our project aims to raise awareness among students about establishing a green school through the implementation of a food waste and recycling program.
Our Lady of Lourdes	Atlanta	Putting Laudato Si' in action, Our Lady of Lourdes has a goal to greatly reduce our use of single-use plastics by installing a water-filling station.
St. Mary-Basha Catholic School	Diocese of Phoenix	Enhance the school garden beds created in 2023 (once empty space) and harvest vegetables, herbs and provisions to support our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on campus.
Marian Catholic High School	Chicago	Initiation of a school wide recycling program.
Conventual Franciscan Friars, Province of Our Lady of Consolation	Indianapolis	Present an authoritative speaker on climate change and Church teaching to help augment our Earth Care Initiatives here at Mt. St. Francis and recruit more volunteers.
St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School	Archdiocese of Washington	St. Joseph's Environmental Club would like to start a recycling program throughout the school.
Seattle University	Seattle	In collaboration between undergraduate students, faculty and staff, facilitate the development of the university's first zero waste strategic vision and action plan.
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Creation Care Team	Boston	Provide students with age appropriate copies of Laudato Si' and Laudato Deum with instruction. Also recruit upper level students to the Creation Care Team.
Center for Mission	Saint Paul/Minneapolis	We are running a statewide retreat for our Care for Creation leaders in Minnesota.
Sisters of Loretto, Loretto Motherhouse	Louisville, KY Archdiocese	Partner with a local sustainability nonprofit to educate 12 Catholic high school students to help monitor the biological diversity of two natural habitat areas on the Motherhouse property.
Gesu Catholic School	Cleveland	Help fund participation with Rust Belt Riders which would allow our school to compost and recycle
Lourdes University	Diocese of Toledo	Lourdes is working to educate students, faculty and staff on correct recycling practices and provide recycling bins in common areas.
St. Francis Xavier Parish	Phoenix	Host three events to increase environmental awareness and creat an action plan for 2024-25

Marydell Faith & Life Center	Archdiocese of New York	A year-long family program focused on Laudato Si' to bring together families to pray, learn, and take action for our common home.
Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall	Hartford, CT	Maintain & expand our Environmental Program located on our historic campus, including student designed monarch recovery habitats.
Srs of st Dominic C/O Sr Jeanne Goyette	Newark	Develop the LSAP goal Ecological Spirituality by education and enhancing our Reflection Garden
St. Ursula Church	Baltimore	Purchase reusable water bottle with logo to be distributed at Care for Creation events, host educational events within our community and convert Marian garden into a meditation garden.
New York Catholic Worker Community	New York	Gather biweekly, to get to know one another and our earth through reading and discussion, making connections with local communities, and planting a rooftop garden.
Archdiocese of Louisville Creation Care Team	Archdiocese of Louisville, KY	Educate and encourage our 120 parishes to improve energy efficiency as a step toward carbon neutrality by assessing energy needs and developing plans for energy conservation upgrades.
St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish	Camden, NJ	To teach our Faith Formation children (100-150) the benefits of composting as a way to demonstrate a good use of food waste.
Holy Cross College	Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend	Establish more robust recycling services in the apartment complexes surrounding the Tri-Campus area (University of Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, & St. Mary's College).
Holy Redeemer Catholic Women's League	St. Louis, Missouri	Holds 1-2 low waste fish fries, where the plates, flatware, cups, and all food are composted while educating attendees on the harm of single use plastics to human and earth health.
Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles	Archdiocese of Los Angeles	Lead by students, the Season of Creation Laudato Si' Celebration 2024 will be a collaborative month-long series of activities and experiences for students, staff and faculty.
Our Lady of Africa	Chicago	Celebrate a Laudato Si day with prayer, education, care of the earth activities
St. Bernard Church	Madison, WI	Upgrade our on-site sustainability practices, particularly in our garden and kitchen.
Dominicans Sisters of Racine	Milwaukee	We will implement a food waste composting program at Siena Center where three meals a day are prepared and served to 145 people.
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Norman, OK), Peace & Justice	Oklahoma City	Promote the goals of Laudato Si' through Education and Advocacy, with particular effort to include young adults by offering one year (9-12 mos.) internship.
Church of St. Anselm	Trenton	Host multiple events during the Season of Creation to raise awareness of the message of Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum in our community and within our Diocese.

Office of Religious Education	Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico	Gather high school youth/young adults to watch Pope Francis' THE LETTER video, value indigenous contributions, and plan a commitment.
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux	Diocese of Metuchen	Reforest a one acre area of our parish grounds involving middle school and high school youth and some of their parents working with Saint Bernard Green Team members.
St.Mary's Church	Paterson	Following Doug Tallamy's "Homegrown National Park" guideline, purchase and plant native keystone plants and in collaboration with middle school ministry,
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux	Diocese of Metuchen	Reforest a one acre area of our parish grounds involving middle school and high school youth and some of their parents working with Green Team members.
St. John's Preparatory School	Boston	Continue pursuing climate justice through our food systems broadening the scope of our garden and using food waste program to reduce waste and enhance garden.
St. Catherine's High School	Milwaukee	We seek to increase our school's capacity to compost food waste in order to lessen emissions of greenhouse gases.
Marist School	Atlanta	To begin a Middle School Eco-Garden Club
Salesian Elementary and Junior High School	Monterey	Life Lab and Garden curriculum for will include botany, horticulture, agriculture, earth science, nutrition/food, and conservation and connect nature as a gift from our Creator.
Old St. Joseph's Church	Philadelphia	The poor and unhoused guests of the Faith, Food, and Friends homeless outreach and soup kitchen program will soon be managing their own organic flower garden.
St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm	Madison, WI	We will engage in Christian prayer on and with the land. We will engage in prayer, ceremony, and teachings by two Indigenous leaders. We will learn about and engage in gardening and composting and simple living on our farm which features no-till gardens, animal husbandry, prairie and Oak restoration, composting toilets, solar panels, and much more.