



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

PROPOSAL: LAUDATO SI COMMISSION(LSC)

April 2024

Commission Chairs

Sister Cheryl Kemner, OSF – is with the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kirkwood, MO. She is active with Franciscans for Earth and the Inter-Community Ecological Council. She has been a consistent educator for the St. Louis Catholic community on creation care and served on our previous Archdiocese Creation Care Advisory Committee.

Jamie Hasemeier – is a parishioner at Holy Redeemer in Webster Groves. She has worked with her parish to implement sustainability practices. She has been active in Holy Redeemer school and the city of Webster Groves advocating for better environmental practices. Jamie also served on our previous Archdiocesan Creation Care Advisory Committee and is past member of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission.

Mission

Inspired by the hope of Christ, the Laudato Si Commission (LSC) seeks to better align the Archdiocese of St. Louis to our Catholic Teaching on Integral Ecology as exemplified in the Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* encyclical through education, formation, collaboration, and community outreach.

Commission Goals for 2024-25

Establish the Laudato Si Commission (LSC) with inclusive representation and appropriate expertise.

Organize an inaugural “Laudato Si Summit” to introduce the LSC and to provide our Catholic community resources, inspiration, and collaborative opportunities to further advance our shared commitment to Integral Ecology.

Promote Integral Ecology awareness and appreciation through parish speaking series provided by LSC members during Season of Creation, Laudato Si Week, April Earth Month, Advent, Lent and other occasions.

Establish a micro grant program (\$250-\$500) for up to ten parishes to incentivize and assist with specific projects dedicated to increase energy efficiency, reduce landfill waste, and assist with low waste fish fries.