

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is ...

An initiative to engage all sectors of the global Catholic Church in a 7-year journey to global sustainability and spiritual conversion

A framework designed to inspire and equip Catholics and Catholic institutions to implement the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* with guidance, resources, and community

Organized around 7 goals that integrate creation care and Catholic social teachings more fully into our lives and practices ("integral ecology"):



**Response to the Cry of the Earth** – a call to protect our common home for the well-being of all as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability



**Response to the Cry of the Poor** – a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth



**Ecological Economics** – acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society and relies on the natural resources of our common home



**Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles** – promotes lifestyles of sufficiency rather than excess in the use of natural resources and energy



**Ecological Education** – fosters ecological awareness and transformative action



**Ecological Spirituality** – springs from a profound ecological conversion and helps us to recognize that God is in all things



**Community Resilience and Engagement** – encourages community engagement and participatory action in ecological and social justice issues

## Why did St. Thomas Aguinas Church enroll in LSAP? Why should I/my family enroll?

God calls us to care for our common home and for our neighbors, but the world is in a climate crisis and our brothers and sisters are suffering. These challenges demand meaningful and urgent responses from all of us in the limited time we have left to make effective changes.

## How will LSAP be implemented at STA?

We will begin by reflecting on who we are as the STA Community and assessing our current actions to discern how our values and actions are connected to the Laudato Si' goals. Then we will make and share an annual plan that builds on our existing programs and ministries so that we may work toward achieving the Laudato Si' goals.

## How can I be involved in this process?

**Pray** for the success of the initiative so that the worst impacts of the climate crisis may be averted. **Learn** more about LSAP and actions you can take at the resources below. **Act** by sharing your thoughts and participating in upcoming listening sessions as the parish prepares the reflection and action plan. Enroll in LSAP as a family or individual.

Questions or want to discuss this more? Contact the Creation Care Ministry at stacreationcare@gmail.com.



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