



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church Indianapolis, Indiana Laudato Si' Action Plan 2022/23

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, Indiana formally enrolled in the Laudato Si' Action Platform in February, 2022. The overall objectives for the first year's Action Plan are to raise awareness of LSAP within the parish and to begin a dialogue with parishioners and parish ministries about how the Laudato Si' goals can be incorporated into the parish culture, worship, and ministries.

To that end, three specific goals have been identified:

Goal 1: Develop a Laudato Si' Reflection that represents the values and characteristics of our parish

#### Action Steps

- Launch the platform during the 2022 Season of Creation with a Creation-themed Mass
- Invite parishioners to add their responses to a "We Are STA" display identifying the values and characteristics of STA Parish
- Write a preliminary reflection to share with the parish during the 2023 Season of Creation

Goal 2: Enter into dialogue with parish leadership, parish ministries and parishioners in general to identify action items for a comprehensive LSAP Action Plan

#### Action Steps

- Form a Laudato Si' Action Platform Working Group with members of the parish Creation Care Ministry along with representatives from the Parish Council, parish leadership, and other interested people
- Prepare a one-page bulletin insert with information about the platform and the Laudato Si' goals; distribute during the 2022 Season of Creation
- Show "The Letter" after a Saturday evening Mass in conjunction with a pitch-in dinner and invite parishioner feedback about potential LSAP Action Plan items
- Begin the process of meeting with parish ministries to enter into a dialogue about how the ministries reflect the principles of Laudato Si' and the Laudato Si' goals. Use the responses to create a more comprehensive Action Plan.
- Meet periodically with Parish Council to report progress
- Share a preliminary list of suggested Action Plan items during the 2023 Season of Creation and invite comments



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Goal 3: Recognize and celebrate parish accomplishments

Action Steps

- Gather information about the many sustainability actions that have already been taken at STA; create a display about parish accomplishments to be shown during the 2023 Season of Creation
- Invite parishioners to a celebration pitch-in vegetarian dinner