

**Catholic Diocese of Lexington
Parish Laudato Si' Action Plan
Plan Format**

Plan Instruction

At this point, the Parish Laudato Si' Action Team discerns the concrete commitments to include in location's plan. During the Parish Assessment and the Listening Session, ways that the parish already practices the goals of Laudato Si' were named and ideas for new initiatives surfaced. Both these existing parish practices and possible new initiatives may be included in the plan as parish *commitments*.

The plan should be structured according to the format found in this document and must be endorsed by the pastor/parish life director. The plan contains two main sections:

- *Parish Laudato Si' Statement:* This statement grounds the plan in the ministry of the parish, the diocese, and the Church. The fruit of listening and prayerful reflection, this statement articulates why caring for creation is important to this particular parish community.

- *Naming Parish Commitments:* This portion of the plan invites the team to articulate concrete initiatives to practice each of the seven goals of Laudato Si'. Some may be already existing practices and others will be new initiatives. All commitments in the parish plan should follow the acronym SMART. They should be **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant to the goals of Laudato Si', and **T**ime-bound. Having measurable goals with time-frames will help each parish evaluate their progress.

The plan should be submitted to Bishop John as well as the Office of Peace and Justice by October 4, 2024. Each parish plan should also be uploaded to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

Once the plan is developed and submitted, it may be implemented within the timeline determined by the location's leadership team.

Please type your parish plan and format it according to the format found below. Following this format will allow for continuity in plans across the diocese. If you have any questions, please contact Joshua van Cleef at jvancleef@cdlex.org or (859) 253-1993 ext. 1040.

Laudato Si' Action Plan Format

Parish Name:

Address:

Diocese:

Date:

Laudato Si' Parish Coordinator Name and Contact Information:

Laudato Si' Action Team Members (Names):

Parish Laudato Si' Statement:

The Parish Laudato Si' Statement articulates why the care for creation is important to the parish and sets a vision for its commitments.

Goal 1: Response to the Cry of the Earth

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Goal 2: Response to the Cry of the Poor

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Goal 3: Ecological Economics

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Goal 4: Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Goal 5: Ecological Education

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Goal 7: Community Resilience and Empowerment

We commit to the following efforts to embrace this goal as a parish:

For each commitment please include

- *Description of the action/ activity*
- *Timeframe for its implementation (or continuation, if it is an existing parish practice)*
- *Person or group responsible (if known)*

Submitted on: (Date)

Pastor/Parish Life Director Endorsement: (Signature)