



## WE'RE ALL PART OF **GOD'S PLAN(ET)**

# An Invitation to Participate in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform

### What is the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform?

The *Laudato Si'* Action Platform (Platform) is a new and groundbreaking faith-driven and ecological initiative to engage the Catholic Church in a seven-year journey to global sustainability and spiritual conversion. The Platform is a collaboration between the Vatican and a coalition of Catholic organizations across the world, many in the United States.

The Platform offers Catholics an interactive place to learn, act, and spiritually grow together in their homes and Catholic institutions in which they pray, discern and work. It is designed to inspire and equip the Catholic Church to implement Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* with planning, guidance, resources and community so we may integrate creation care more fully into our daily lives and with our Catholic communities and institutions.

You are warmly invited to embark on this effort along with others in the U.S. Catholic community, as we join our brothers and sisters around the world. Your unique "culture, experience, involvements, and talents" are needed on this journey towards greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share (LS 14.) The initiative is rooted in the strengths and realities of communities around the world and is designed to empower everyone to take "decisive action, here and now" as we journey towards a better future together (LS 161.)

### Why is the Platform Needed?

Our Church teaches us that care for creation is a precious gift from God intended to be shared by all – our one common home, and a requirement of our faith. (USCCB, **Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching**) God calls us to care for all His creation, but we are now in a climate crisis. Earth, our common home, is facing a grim future as pollution, higher temperatures, droughts, wildfires, stronger storms, floods, and biodiversity loss, are all creating and driving up the risk of enormous suffering, especially for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters everywhere. These challenges demand meaningful and urgent responses from all of us. We are at a Kairos moment. We must respond to the call for healing and renewal in our relationships with God, our neighbors, and the Earth itself. Through the Platform, we can walk this "path to renewal" together (LS 202.)

### What are the Goals of the Platform?

To respond to this moment, the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform is organized around seven goals:

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor
3. Ecological Economics
4. Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
5. Ecological Education
6. Ecological Spirituality
7. Community Engagement and Participatory Action



## Who Can Participate?

Everyone! The Vatican offers the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform as a service to all peoples and institutions of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will. To help organize engagement, it is designed around seven sectors of the Catholic Church:



**Families/individuals**



**Parishes & dioceses**



**Educational institutions**



**Hospitals & healthcare centers**



**Organizations & groups**  
(NGOs, lay movements, ecological communities, foundations, communications centers)



**Economic entities**  
(farms, cooperatives, businesses)



**Religious orders**  
(orders, provinces, communities)

## I'm Ready! How does it Work?

If you or your group are ready to embark on this seven-year sustainability journey, you can register your institution, community, or family's engagement between Nov. 14th, 2021, and April 22, 2022 (Earth Day.) By registering you will have access to *Laudato Si'* Planning Guides to map and evaluate your journey, practical guidance on ways to act on each of the seven goals, and resources to develop your community's action plans and gather metrics of your success.

For more information on the LSAP and to register, visit [laudatosiactionplatform.org](https://laudatosiactionplatform.org).

- Year 1:** The first year of the journey is a year of discernment, reflection, and planning.  
**Years 2-6:** These are years of implementation.  
**Year 7:** The last year is a Sabbath year for celebration and reflection.

## If you are not yet ready - No worries!

You can register to be a part of the journey when the next cohort registers later next year. This is a seven-year journey with ongoing opportunities to engage with the Platform.

## A home for U.S. Catholics to connect.

Catholic Climate Covenant and its 20 U.S. Catholic partners have created a national campaign and website "**We're all Part of God's Plan(et)**" to help the U.S. Catholic community engage with the Platform. Here you will be in community with other U.S. Catholic people and institutions engaging in or seeking to engage in this work. The God's Planet website is the home for U.S.-specific resources and news, including best practices, action plans, events and inspiring work. It is also an interactive place where you can share ideas, challenges, and opportunities, and seek further guidance and accompaniment. We encourage you to submit your stories and questions, and to use, obtain and promote the God's Planet materials in our shared efforts to bring the U.S. Catholic community closer to care for our common home. Visit [GodsPlanet.us](https://GodsPlanet.us)

