

10 WAYS YOU CAN LIVE LAUDATO SI' for Parishes

By signing the Laudato Si' Pledge, your parish has joined a larger community of Catholics, whether parishes, religious orders, or individuals, around the world who are committed to living out Laudato Si' in and sharing it with the community. In the coming weeks and months, we'll be sharing more ideas and resources for those who want to Live Laudato Si', and help you connect to others who have signed the pledge. But here are some ideas to get you started:

Pray with and for creation

"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God."—Laudato Si' 119

1. Include prayers for creation, and for ecological conversion, in the prayers of the faithful.
2. Host a prayer service outside.
3. Organize a prayer service as part of Season of Creation.

Live Simply

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions."—Laudato Si' 211

4. Agree to only use reusable cups, plates, and flatware for parish events.
5. Encourage your parishioners to walk, bike or carpool to Mass. Consider finding a way to gather people after Mass or use a parish website to connect people who want to carpool.
6. Host more community or family social events that can build community.

Advocate to protect our common home

"There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced."—Laudato Si' 26

7. Connect with local organizations advocating for the climate.
8. Hold a postcard or petition drive at your parish to support environmental policies.
9. Host a listening session at your parish for people to share what is making it more difficult for individuals to change their lifestyle—lack of public transportation, no recycling or composting in the community, or no options for clean energy—and agree as a parish to push for change on one of them.

Spread the word

"Truly, much can be done!"—Laudato Si' (180)

10. Make sure all parishioners know the parish has taken this pledge. Invite them to sign as individuals and families, and invite the Diocese to pledge as well. This is a global crisis, and it will take all of us working together to make the changes we need. "Truly, much can be done!"—Laudato Si' (180)