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Laudato Si' Action Plan



WHERE WE HAVE BEGUN

In essence, we are not looking for some new projects because we are already carrying out many activities for integral ecology, as we take care of the aged, lepers, street and orphaned children, refugees and migrants, in health care - the sick; in education – schools and tertiary, environment etc. What is needed is a systematic commitment that will include a process on how to develop our shared vision aligned to Laudato Si Goals, by spontaneous actions adapted to our diverse realities. The hope is to gradually grow together into an integral ecological conversion, as Pope Francis says:

I wish to address every person living on this planet...with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home. LS # 3

After an online meeting with all the CPS JPIC Promoters, a letter was sent to all the Provinces/Regions from the Congregation's JPIC coordinator, that invited all the CPS to a reflection on Laudato Si Goals:

Focus Question For the Province / Region

1. What core issues raised in Laudato Si are affecting your life and mission concretely, e.g. Climate Change, Loss of Bio-diversity, Water, Immigration, Poverty, etc?
2. Which **Laudato Si' goals** do we decide to focus and act upon as Province/Region?

Responses were sent to the JPIC Promoters. Common ideas were collated to create a Congregational LSAP that is easily adaptable to our diverse situations.

JPIC Promoters will use a **monitoring tool** to help measure the effectiveness of this initiative. The monitoring report will be an encouragement for all to see how far we have gone.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN

Understanding and living our charism and mission in the light of Laudato Si' and Catholic Social Teaching:

- ✓ By making Laudato Si' values a lifestyle and a way of life for each Sister and the Province
- ✓ By making our ministries and community activities a part of the actions called forth by Laudato Si'

HOW LS GOALS RELATE TO OUR CONGREGATION'S CHARISM

Called to live the Paschal Mystery and witness to the redeeming love of Christ, we are called to "mission without borders," and to make the Precious Blood fruitful through our apostolates. Radical Gospel living through solidarity with the marginalized and a non-violent approach to all life are part of our charism. A spirit of reconciliation, acceptance of diversity, and a simple life-style make up our CPS character.

In a prayerful discernment of the "signs of the times" we are to see the needs, judge what is our role, and then act as followers of Jesus Christ.

Our concern for "Our Common Home" is reflected in all the named Laudato Si Goals.

We would therefore like to continue the initiatives and efforts that we have already started.

1. Cry of the Earth

- Local vegetable cultivation with green manure or biofertiliser (garlic)
- Plant diversity for a healthy ecosystem, flower meadows for insect diversity, Organic farming
- Eat a healthy and balanced diet, consciously reduce meat consumption and increase vegetable consumption; use leftovers
- Plant vegetables under fruit trees so that as the trees are being watered, the crops also get watered, and the other way round, thus saving on water and energy needed for pumping the water
- Observe tree planting days in schools and our communities –
 - Before cutting a tree plant two
 - Feast days of Sisters making First Profession, Final Profession and Jubilees be marked by planting a tree
 - Plant trees on the important dates of our CPS calendar: July 01 and Sept 08
- Support local cooperation partners like climate activists and use existing networks for the conservation of nature

2. Cry of the Poor

- Community life through caring for each other, mutual respect, giving each other a home
- Commitment to fellow human beings in all phases of life and in all age groups. e.g. refugees, the homeless, prostitutes and socially disadvantaged people; in encounters, display an attitude of openness and attentiveness.
- Granting board for refugees and accompanying them (see Award of Sr. Andreas Weißbacher)



Sr. Maria-Andreas, CPS receives Ute Bock Award - 04/27/2021

For her special civil courage, "SOS Mitmensch" honors our Sr. Maria-Andreas Weißbacher, CPS with this year's Ute-Bock-Award. Sr. Maria-Andreas lives in the monastery of Wernberg (Carinthia) and is described as a "courageous champion for the protection of refugees".

"Instead of dividing and separating people by origin or religion, as parts of politics do, she has built bridges and worked intensively for interreligious dialogue," said Alexander Pollak, spokesman for SOS Mitmensch, explaining the award for Weißbacher. The retired teacher has been campaigning for the protection of refugees in Carinthia for many years and helped, among other things, to expose the scandal surrounding the Saualm accommodation for asylum seekers, furthermore she protested against the racist "Carinthia will be free of Chechens" campaign initiated by Jörg Haider. "She has looked and helped everywhere where others have looked away. In doing so, she has bravely and fearlessly stood up against populist and sometimes openly racist politics" Polak said. He continued, "More people like her are needed in the country."

3. Ecological Economics

- Buy Fairtrade products
- Financial investments under ethical aspect (divesting)
- Consciously participate in specific collection campaigns: e.g. Second hand clothes, Batteries, crown corks, wax, printer cartridges, Missio mobile phone campaign etc.
- Increase ecological awareness among staff

4. Adoption of Sustainable life style

a. Energy

- Sustainable energy and Climate-neutral energy supply for our houses. Combined heat and power, solar systems, photovoltaics, use of energy-saving lamps such as LEDs. Wood chip heating
- Use solar energy to pump water from some of our boreholes in schools, farms, biogas for cooking
- Lights turn off once a month in some Provinces to save energy
- Reduce electronic devices to the bare minimum and switch them off in time
- Conversion of the boiler from oil to gas - both are financially supported
- Greening the flat roofs, possibly starting with the garages
- Change the oil heating to pallets and own wood

b. Water

- Collect rainwater for watering gardens
- Trap the cold water from the hot water tap for watering plants
- Various water saving measures such as own soda stream instead of buying mineral water and using healthy drinking water from the water crane!

c. Means of transport

- Use public transport where possible, walk or cycle. Car sharing
- E-cars or hybrid vehicles when a car has to be replaced

5. Ecological Education

- Awareness campaign in schools: Tree planting in schools, garbage collection

- Participate in online petitions
- purchase reusable shopping bags and use nets for fruit
- Sort out recyclable materials and tins before throwing rubbish in the incinerator
- Reuse single-sided paper as scratch paper

6. Ecological Spirituality

- Consciously bring climate change and environmental problems into prayer
- Study the Laudato Si' document. Discern as communities how to live these values as CPS
- Designing and celebrating creation services
- Support spiritual activities in the parish
- Pilgrimages of different groups in nature
- Talking about sustainability, organising harvest feast/St. Francis
- Form and support Laudato Si prayer circles
- Children`s musical (KiSi-Kids) on the Theme of Laudato Si
- Make the Creation Rosary known

7. Emphasis on Community Involvement and Participatory Action

- Join advocacy groups which promote the values of Laudato Si'
- Sign petitions which promote the common good
- Vote in elections

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