

Common Prayer for the Sixth Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Creator of heaven and earth
and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image
And made us stewards of all your
creation.

You blessed us with the sun,
water, and bountiful land
So that all might be nourished



Open our minds and touch our hearts,
So that we may attend to
Your gift of creation.


Help us to be conscious that
our common home Belongs
not only to us, but to all
of your Creatures and
to all future generations
And that it is our responsibility
to preserve it.



May we help each person secure the food
And resources that they need.

Be present to those in need
during these trying times,
Especially the poorest and
Those most at risk
Of being left behind






Transform our fear and feelings
of isolation into hope and fraternity
so that we may experience
a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity
in addressing the consequences
of this global pandemic.

Make us courageous to embrace the changes
That are needed in search
For the common good.

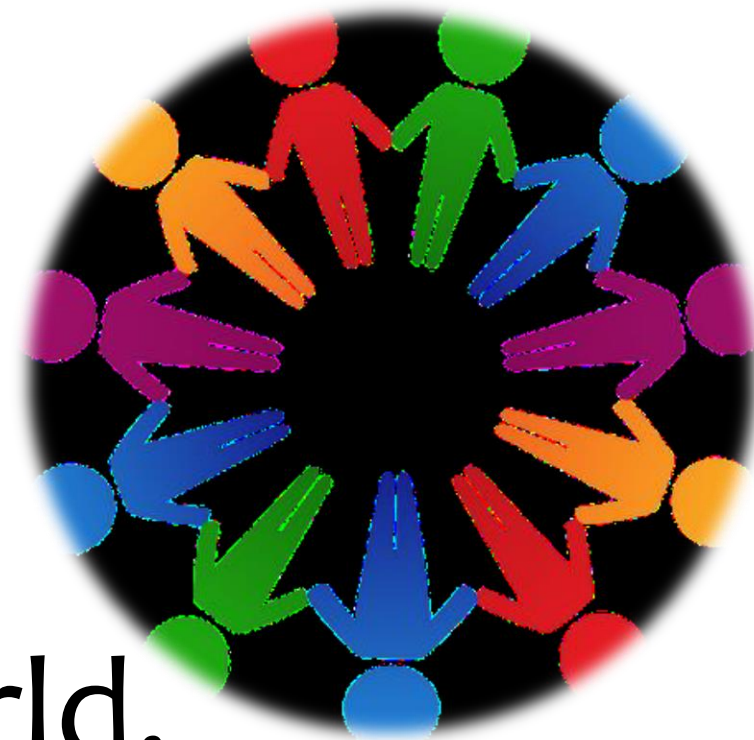


Now more than ever may we feel that
We are all connected and interdependent.

Enable us to listen and respond
to the cry of the Earth
and the cry of the Poor.

May the present sufferings
be the birth pangs of a more
fraternal and sustainable world.

We make this prayer Christ our Lord. Amen





Live Laudato Si'

Laudato Si' Roll-out Plan

This year we are celebrating the Special
Anniversary Year of **Laudato Si'**

24 May 2021


under the invitation of Pope Francis:

***A commitment to complete the transition
to integral ecology by 2030,
involving the whole of the Catholic world.***

Back in 2018 scientists raised an alarm:

Unless by 2030 we reverse the current trends in carbon emissions, the dramatic climate changes we are already experiencing will become irreversible.

From then came a renewed sense of urgency, which suggested the need to speed up the Transformation envisaged in **Laudato Si'**.



The Dicastery for the **Promotion of Integral Human Development (DPIHD)** has been tasked with the overall direction of the initiative.

It has then involved many partners and various domains within the Catholic community.



One such domain is that of **Religious Congregations.**

UISG and **USG** are therefore a major partner of the Dicastery, collaborating to facilitate the involvement of Congregations around the world.

There are many initiatives Religious Institutes have already started in order to promote **Integral Ecology**. But there is also a need to move on together, in communion and forming a critical mass for systemic change.

As Pope Francis stated,

“Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan.” LS 164

What is *Laudato Si'* Action Platform ?

It is the overall framework worked out by the Dicastery – (DPIHD) for the various institutions to begin the *7-Year Journey towards Integral Ecology* in the Spirit of **Laudato Si'**.

During this **Laudato Si'** Special Anniversary Year, there will be the launch of the Program and a Public Commitment from the Institutions to begin the Journey. It will be officially launched on **May 24th, 2021.**

- 1. Laudato Si' Families** (Families embarking a 7-year journey towards integral ecology)
- 2. Laudato Si' Dioceses** (Dioceses/Parishes)
- 3. Laudato Si' Schools**
- 4. Laudato Si' Universities** (Universities/Colleges)
- 5. Laudato Si' Hospitals / Health Care Centres**
- 6. Laudato Si' Businesses/Agricultural Farms, etc.**
- 7. Laudato Si' Religious Orders**


Participating Communities, Congregations, Institutes will commit themselves to this **7 year journey** to complete their transition to Integral Ecology, in order to reach a critical mass for radical transformation, necessary for systemic change.

In fact, social scientists tell us that when 21-25% of a population embraces change, then the social system will change.

After a wide and frequent consultation with *JPIC Promoters*, **4 criteria** have been put that would characterize a possible initiative involving the Religious in a shared journey:

✓ **The process should build on what Religious communities are already doing:** not only will it mean to tap into their creativity and existing initiatives, but it is the realistic way of building a movement for Integral Ecology.

- ✓ **It should be inspiring enough to motivate:** communities need to see in this initiative an opportunity to live their **Charism and their Prophetic Mission** to the fullest.
 - ✓ **Flexible enough to suit different situations and contexts:** a process suggests a sense of direction and essential points of reference.
- For the rest, participants will have all the freedom of the children of God.



✓ **It should be simple and gradual enough to be manageable:** communities are often already overstretched by many commitments and with limited number of personnel.

The process, therefore need not scare them away from making a commitment.

What are the Laudato Si'
Goals?

1.



Greater use of clean renewable energy and reducing fossil fuels in order to achieve carbon neutrality, efforts to

protect and promote biodiversity, guaranteeing access to clean water for all, etc.

2.



Defence of human life from conception to death and all forms of life on Earth, with special attention to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, migrants, children at risk through slavery, etc.

3.



sustainable production,
fair-trade,
ethical consumption,
ethical investments,
divestment from

fossil fuels and any economic activity harmful
to the planet and the people, investment in
renewable energy, etc.

4.



Sobriety in the use of resources and energy, avoid single-use plastic, adopt a more plant-based diet and reduce meat consumption, greater use of public transport and avoid polluting modes of transportation, etc.

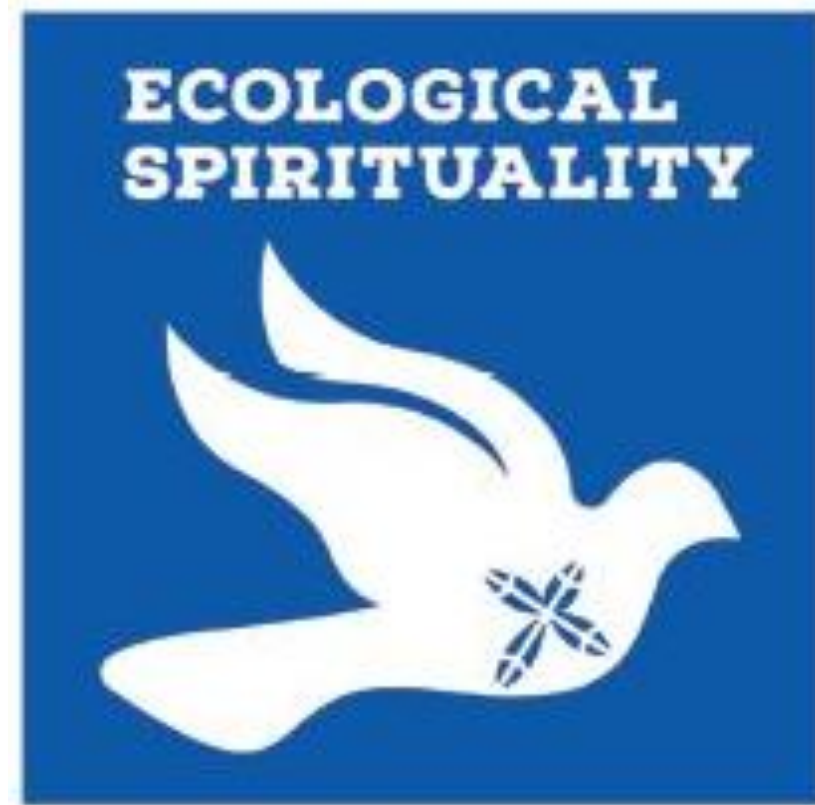
5.



Re-think and re-design educational curricula and educational institution reform in the spirit of integral ecology to create

ecological awareness and action, promoting the ecological vocation of young people, teachers and leaders of education etc.

6.



Recover a religious vision of God's creation, encourage greater contact with the natural world in a spirit of

wonder, praise, joy and gratitude, promote creation-centred liturgical celebrations, develop ecological catechesis, prayer, retreats, formation, etc.

7.



To care for creation at the local, regional, national and international levels promote advocacy and people's campaigns,

encourage rootedness in local territory and neighbourhood ecosystems, etc.

Expected Outcome

We hope that the engagement with **Laudato Si'** will greatly influence our understanding of being **Missionaries Today**. Taking into account that our responsibilities go beyond the direct care of the human persons, we cannot ignore the care of the entire creation, because everything is connected.

We have lived and continue to live this interconnectedness, as we see concretely in many parts of our world that *climate change* is one of the root causes of conflicts, migration and poverty.

Our Constitutions state:

*Our Precious Blood Spirituality
challenges us to become instruments of
reconciliation, justice and peace
and to preserve the integrity of creation”*

Const. 507

During the Provincials'/Regionals' Meeting in June 2019 in Heilig Bloed, we said:

It is strongly recommended that Sisters be motivated to make JPIC a way of life which becomes evident in prayer, community, living of vows, finances, care of the environment, etc. Sisters are encouraged to use Laudato Si' as resource material for ongoing formation.

Laudato Si' Values then become:

- ✓ a lifestyle for every CPS Sister,
- ✓ a project for every CPS community,
- ✓ a way of life in our Congregation.

And so

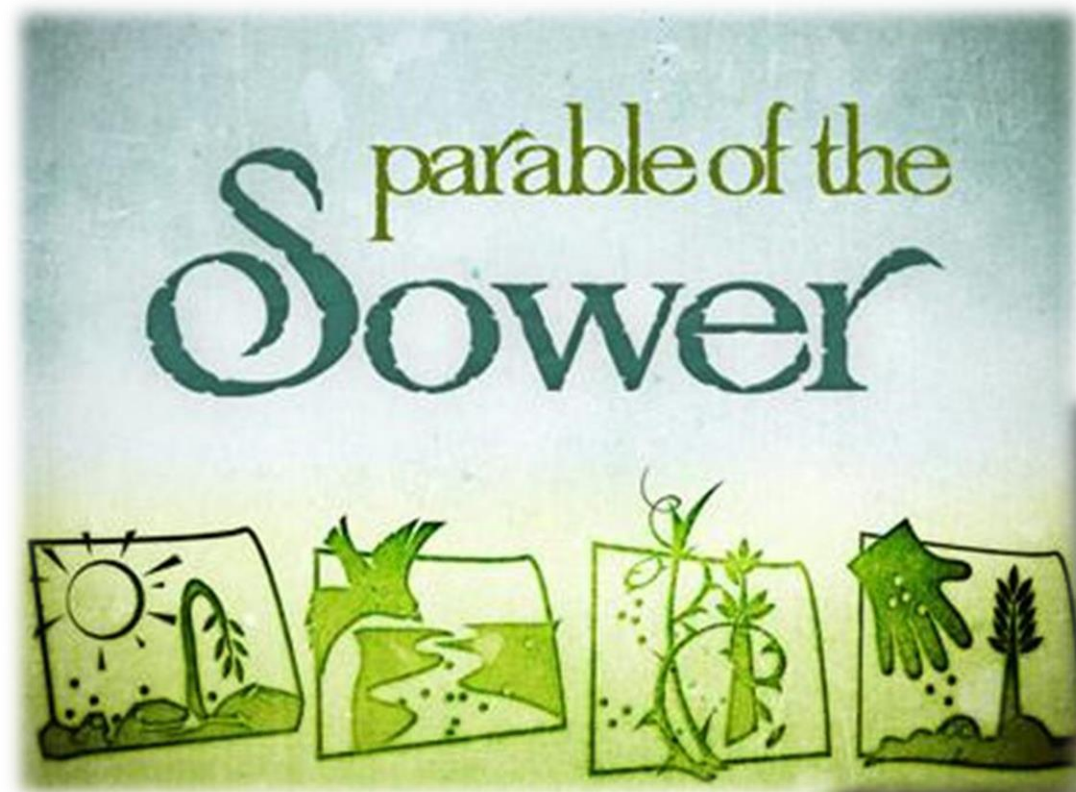
➤ Are we ready to make a commitment as communities, Provinces/Regions, Congregation to do something to address the ecological crisis and to participate in the Laudato Si' Roll-Out-Plan of the DPIHD?

➤ How could we creatively engage with
the ***Laudato Si'*** Goals
within each one's reach and existing
apostolates, so that we can gradually
grow together into an
Integral Ecological Conversion?

The process should build on what communities/Provinces/Regions are already doing.

- How can we collaborate with others outside our Congregation?

Determine what each one of us can do



Mustard seed and Mustard tree

Time for sharing

*In order to build on our outcome can we administer at the end of 2021, a **monitoring tool** which will help us to measure the effectiveness of our initiatives and seek means to improve?*

The compilation of the monitoring report can then be used to organize a workshop, during which some of the activities will be presented, so that others can be encouraged by it.

Pope Francis, September 1, 2019

“This too is a season for undertaking prophetic actions. Many young people all over the world are making their voices heard and calling for courageous decisions. They feel let down by too many unfulfilled promises, by commitments made and then ignored for selfish interests or out of expediency.

The young remind us that the earth is not a possession to be squandered, but an inheritance to be handed down. They remind us that hope for tomorrow is not a noble sentiment, but a task calling for concrete actions here and now. We owe them real answers, not empty words, actions not illusions”.

"The entire
material universe
speaks of God's love,

boundless
affection for us.
Soil, water,
mountains..."

~Pope Francis





THANK YOU
