

# Laudato Si' Action Platform Goals

*Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home, promotes an integral ecology and recognizes climate change as both an environmental and a social justice issue. The health of the Earth is dependent on the health of its people, and vice versa. To share this message and actively live it out, individuals and groups around the world — including the Sisters of the Holy Cross — are working together through the **Laudato Si' Action Platform** (LSAP). Shaping action around this shared vision, LSAP offers these seven Laudato Si' Goals to guide us toward a sustainable future for our planet and all its inhabitants.

## Response to Cry of the Earth

is a call to protect our common home for the well-being of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability. Actions could include the adoption of renewable energies and energy sufficiency measures, achieving carbon neutrality, protecting biodiversity, promoting sustainable agriculture, and guaranteeing access to clean water for all.



**Response to Cry of the Poor** is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. Actions could include projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants and children at risk, analysis and improvement of social systems, and social service programs.

## Ecological Economics

acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere — our common home. Actions could include sustainable production and consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil

fuels and any activity harmful to the planet and the people, supporting circular economies, and prioritizing care labor and protecting the dignity of workers.

## Adoption of Sustainable

**Lifestyles** is a practice grounded in the idea of sufficiency and promoting sobriety in the use of resources and energy. Actions could include reducing waste and recycling, adopting sustainable dietary habits (opting for a more plant-based diet and reducing meat consumption), greater use of public transport, active mobility (walking, cycling), and avoiding single use items (e.g., disposable plastic).

**Ecological Education** involves rethinking and redesigning

curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology in order to foster ecological awareness and transformative action. Actions could include ensuring equitable access to education for all and promoting human rights, fostering *Laudato Si'* themes within the community, encouraging ecological leadership (students, teachers), and ecological restoration activities.

**Ecological Spirituality** recovers a religious vision of God's creation and encourages greater contact with the natural world in a spirit of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude. Actions could include promoting creation-centered liturgical celebrations, developing ecological catechesis, retreats and formation programs, and praying in nature.

**Community Resilience and Empowerment** encourage the development of cultures and policies that protect our common home and all who share it. Actions could include promoting advocacy and developing people's campaigns, engagement with decision-makers, and encouraging rootedness and a sense of belonging in local communities and neighborhood ecosystems.