



**LAUDATO SI'**

Action Platform

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**2023 Annual Action Plan**

November 2022 – October 2023

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*Building a better future requires "the active participation of all members of the community." (LS 144)*

*-Pope Francis*

## Objective 1 – Response to the Cry of the Earth

<b>Guide</b>	Laudato Si' Action, Team Land Justice Team, Associate Leadership		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 1</b>	Response to the Cry of the Earth		
<b>Objective</b>	A call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.		
<b>Action Steps</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who is responsible?</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
10.05.2022	Continue the exploration of ways to reduce plastic usage at Siena including eliminating Styrofoam usage	Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP	Decreased use of fossil fuels decreases carbon footprint
10.05.2022	Continue the exploration of renewable energy resources on the Siena Campus	Fran Hoffman, OP Ann Pratt, OP Sharon Simon, OP Janet Weyker, OP	Decreased use of fossil fuels decreases carbon footprint
10.05.2022	Continue establishing an ongoing food waste composting program for Sisters Residence and Dining Services	Mare Wheeler Ann Pratt, OP	Decrease the amount of solid waste going to the landfill and the amount of methane gas released. Compost becomes a source for soil amendment.

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10.08.2022	“Clean Air and the Clean Power Coalition” presentation	Janet Weyker, OP Associates	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
10.26.2022	City of Racine Food Waste Composting Pilot	Janet Weyker, OP	See Goal 7 Community Involvement and Participation
11.3-5.2022	Plastics Alternative Fair	Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP Mare Wheeler	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
11.15.2022	Rejuvenation and protection of eco systems on the Siena Campus	Land Justice Team	Improve biodiversity & sustainable habitats
1.25.2023	Mileage Awareness Pilot for Sisters and Associates	Janet Weyker, OP Gail Jacobsen	Increased consciousness of fossil fuel usage
3.21.2023	“Save the Soil”	Janet Weyker, OP	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
3.25.2023	Eco-Fest “Tending Our Roots”	Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP Kyla Mrazek	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
4.15.2023	“Recycling Update” John’s Disposal	John’s Disposal Associates	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
4.22.2023	Soil and Garden Blessing Garden of Eatin’	Associates and Garden Brigade	Contemplative experience of the blessing soil bestows on us

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05.01.2023	“No Mow May” including providing informational flyers about how this protects bees and other pollinators.	Ann Pratt, OP Susan Boland Kyla Mrazek	Creation of habitat and provision of resources for bees and other pollinators
5.2023	“On the Other Side of Plastic” Michelle Titterton, Sustainability Manager	Ann Pratt, OP	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
5.12.2023	“Recipe for the Perfect Soil”	Ann Pratt, OP Associates	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
5.20.2023	Health and Family Resource Fair	Ann Pratt, OP Unity Racine Racine Public Library	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
9.01.2023	“Leave the Leaves” including providing informational flyers about how this protects bees and other pollinators.	Ann Pratt, OP Susan Boland Kyla Mrazek	Increased winter cover for pollinators and other invertebrates
September 2023	Assess progress towards goal and develop 2024 Action Steps	LSAT Land Justice Team Associates	Progress assessment completed and Goal Year three goals established.

## Objective 2 – Response to the Cry of the Poor

<b>Guide</b>	Laudato Si' Action Team Justice Team Land Justice Team		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 2</b>	Response to Cry of the Poor		
<b>Objective</b>	Promote ecological justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on our common home.		
<b>Action Steps</b>			
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Advent 2022	Hospitality Center Food Drive	Justice Team	Distribution of food and other necessities to those experiencing life challenges and establish ongoing relationships to build community.
2.24.2023	Building Community: Carl Fields, Director of Community Engagement, The Hospitality Center	Justice Team	Development of relationships that will help to support the Hospitality Center's mission of creating a safe space where all can gather and connect with essential services.

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Lent 2023	Congregation of the Great Spirit Food Drive	Justice Team	Distribution of foodstuffs and other necessities to individuals who are experiencing life challenges and establishing ongoing relationships to build community.
2.12.2023	Racial History Assessment	Land Justice Team Ann Pratt	Increase understanding of the stories of People of Color and Indigenous people who have a history on our lands and Community.
3.6.2033	“Bringing Home Justice-The Housing Crisis in Racine County”	Tim Hall Opening Our Hearts and Mind to End Racism Collaborative	Raising awareness of the housing crisis in Racine and its impact on People of Color.
3.9.2023	Field Trip to Bakhita House, Catholic Worker House	Tim Hall	Relationship will help to support Bakhita House’s mission to provide a supportive community for women escaping the exploitation of human sex trafficking.

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4.13-14.2023	New Stories on Sacred Lands Retreat	Land Justice Team	Increased understanding of the roots of land injustice, and their connection to the ongoing crises of climate and racism.
4.03-21.2023	New England Food Solutions 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge Pilot	Tim Hall	Deepen understanding of racism especially as it relates to the food system.
April 2023	View “Alaska Daily” Seasons Available	Shanae Ferrell	Increased knowledge and understanding of missing and murdered Indigenous woman.
4.20.2023	Building Community: Fr. Edward Cook, Pastor, Congregation of the Great Spirit	Justice Team	Development relationship that helps support the Great Spirit’s mission to support, develop and encourage Indigenous leadership within the Catholic Community.
5.5/19.2023	“Let’s Talk About the Debt Ceiling”	Tim Hall	Addressing the debt ceiling through the lens of poverty and justice

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5.1.2023	Bakhita House Luncheon	Ann Pratt, OP Gayle Bogdanowitz	Explore opportunities to engage in the Bakhita House Mission to serve women who have been sexually exploited
5.11.2023	Building Community: Anne Haines Bakhita House	Justice Team	Development of a relationship that will help support the goals of Bakhita House including living the Beatitudes and providing supportive community housing for women who are survivors of sexual exploitation.
5.2023	Increase cultural sensitivity within our Community regarding Indigenous peoples with the assistance of Dr. Patty Loew.	Land Justice Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP	Maximize opportunities to develop strong relationships with dispossessed communities to further land justice
5.2023	Increased understanding of the challenges of BIPOC people who participate in the US food system with the assistance of Martice Scales.	Land Justice Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP	Increased understanding of the structural and institutional racism that has excluded black,



			Indigenous and people of color from fair access to land, financial resources, information, political standing, and educational and professional opportunities.
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## Objective 3 – Ecological Economics

<b>Guide</b>	Laudato Si' Action Team		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 3</b>	Ecological Economics		
<b>Objective</b>	Acknowledging that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere-our common home we are encouraged to trade and invest ethically by divesting from fossil fuels and support sustainable energy systems. It is imperative that we prioritize people and planet over profit.		
<b>Action Steps</b>			
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10.05.2022	To continue monitoring our investment policies and screens to ensure that investments are ethical, sustainable, prioritize divesting from fossil fuels and investing in more renewable energy resources.	Janet Weyker	Based on ongoing information, suggest changes in the policies and screens to ensure that investments are ethical and sustainable.
10.24.2022	Explore the use of sustainable purchasing standards on the Siena Campus	Diane Poplawski, OP Ann Pratt, OP Susan Boland	Increase the use of environmentally preferable products and vendors that minimize the environmental impacts on our common home.

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9.20.2023	Dr. Lorna Gold Elizabeth Garlow “Dominicans and Financial Stewardship through the Laudato Si’ Lens”;	Diane Poplawski, OP Kathleen Bohn, OP Lisa Kane, OP Ann Pratt, OP	Financial decision making through the lens of Ecological Economics.
2.20.2023	“The Anti ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Movement” Chris Cox, Seventh Generation Interfaith	Ann Pratt, OP Sharon Simon, OP Socially Responsible Investing	See Goal 5: Ecological Education
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## Objective 4 – Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles

<b>Guide</b>	Laudato Si' Action Team and Associates		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 4</b>	Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles		
<b>Objective</b>	An invitation to look for ways to use less, to share more, and to focus on relationships instead of things.		
<b>Action Steps</b>			
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10.05.2023	Weekly Care of Creation Challenges	Associates	Increased options and opportunities for caring for our earth
2.22.23	Lenten Opportunity Book Marks	Mare Wheeler	Increase awareness of how each of us can care for our earth.
3.17.2023	Laudato Si' Commitments Shared with Sisters, Associates, Staff, Family, and Friends	Diane Poplawski, OP Janet Weyker, OP Gail Jacobsen Kyla Mrazek	Choose to make a difference in caring for our common home
4.15.2023	Great White Elephant Swap	Associates	Find new owners for things you can no longer use and otherwise be thrown away.

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4.15.2023	Distribution of “Our Common Home: A guide for our living planet during Laudato Si’ Week	Ann Pratt, OP	Increased understanding of how individuals and communities can take action to build a more sustainable and socially just future
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## Objective 5 – Ecological Education

<b>Guide</b>	Laudato Si' Action Team, Associate Leadership		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 5</b>	Ecological Education		
<b>Objective</b>	Fostering ecological awareness and transformative action in the spirit of integral ecology		
<b>Action Steps</b>			
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10.08.2022	“Clean Air and the Clean Power Coalition” Presentation	Janet Weyker, OP Associates	Increased understanding of what contributes to air pollution with a focus on the impact of coal and advocacy efforts to close plants in Wisconsin.
11.3-5.2022	Plastics Alternative Fair	Ann Pratt,OP Diane Poplawski,OP Mare Wheeler	Introduction of a wide variety of environmentally preferable products that minimize the environmental impacts on our common home.

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1.4-25,2023	“Under the Sky We Make: How to Be Human in a Warming World”, author Kimberly Nicholas, PhD book discussion.	Janet Weyker, OP Sharon Simon, OP Fran Hoffman, OP Mare Wheeler	Sisters and Associates across the Dominican read and discussed how individuals can effect lasting change to address the climate crisis.
2.20.2023	“The Anti ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Movement” Chris Cox, Seventh Generation Interfaith	Ann Pratt, OP Sharon Simon, OP Socially Responsible Investing	Increased understanding of the backlash against ESG investment principles and its potential impact on remediation efforts regarding the climate crisis
3.21.2023	“Save the Soil Day”	Janet Weyker Unity Racine Lutheran church of the Resurrection	Highlighting the rapidly deteriorating condition of the soil in agricultural land and its impact on food shortages.
3.25.2023	Eco-Fest “Tending Our Roots”	Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP Kyla Mrazek	Provide information and encouragement for living that care for all of creation.

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4.15.2023	“Recycling Update” by John’s Disposal	Associate	Increased understanding of how to most effectively recycle.
4.22.2023	Distribution to Sisters and Associates of “Our Common Home: A guide to care for our living planet” during Laudato Si’ Week	LSAT	Increased understanding of how individuals and communities can take action to build a more sustainable and socially just future.
5.01.2023	“No Mow May” including providing informational flyers about how this protects bees and other pollinators.	Ann Pratt, OP Susan Boland Kyla Mrazek	Increased information about how not mowing supports habitats and provision of resources for bees and other pollinators.
5.2023	“Plastic Pollution and the Inherent Worth of All of Creation” Michelle Titterton, Sustainability Manager	Ann Pratt	Increased understanding of how plastic pollution is destroying our common home and our relationships.
5.12.2023	“Recipe for the Perfect Soil”	Ann Pratt, OP Associates	Increased understanding of options for creating healthy soil.



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5.20.2023	Health and Family Resource Fair	Ann Pratt, OP Unity Racine Racine Public Library	Provide information and encouragement for living that care for all of creation.
9.01.2023	“Leave the Leaves” including providing informational flyers about how this protects bees and other pollinators.	Ann Pratt, OP Susan Boland Kyla Mrazek	Increased information about how not raking leaves in the fall supports habitats and provision of resources for bees and other pollinators
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## Objective 6 – Ecological Spirituality

<b>Guide</b>	Diane Poplawski, OP		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 6</b>	Ecological Spirituality		
<b>Objective</b>	To invite the Dominicans at Racine and beyond to move towards a more passionate concern for the protection of our common home and recognize the ecological crisis as an opportunity for conversion.		
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10.15.2022	Christin Tomy, OP Doctrine of “Discovery, the Catholic Church and Native Americans: Exploring a Path Towards Truth and Healing”	Diane Poplawski, OP	Gained knowledge of the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery on Indigenous Peoples.
12.03.2022	Dr. Patty Loew, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe “Honoring the Land: Seventh Generation Earth Ethics”	Diane Poplawski, OP	Deepened understanding of interconnectedness of all creation.
12.10-12.18.2022	Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer “Braiding Sweetgrass: Healing Our Relationships With the Earth”	Diane Poplawski, OP	Insight from the book <i>Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants.</i>

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2.22.23	Lenten Opportunity Book Marks	Mare Wheeler	Prayerfully care for the earth.
2.22.23	Lenten Today's Stations of the Cross	MTDAD & DSC	Prayerful focus on care of creation.
3.17.2023	Laudato Si' Commitments Shared with Sisters, Associates, Staff, Family, and Friends	Diane Poplawski, OP Janet Weyker, OP Gail Jacobsen Kyla Mrazek	Choose to make a difference in caring for our common home.
5.21-28.2023	Laudato Si' Week: Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity Laudato Si' Prayer Cards	Gail Jacobsen  Ann Pratt, OP	OOW reflections open and close of week LSAP Goals Prayer.
5.27.23	Spring Journey to Sacred Spaces Walk	Mare Wheeler Kathy Solie	Contemplation of Mother Earth.
6.29.2023	Dr. Niamh Brennan "Caring for Our Common Home ~in Light of the Cosmic Story"	Diane Poplawski, OP Kathleen Bohn, OP Lisa Kane, OP Ann Pratt, OP	Revisioning of our human place in the interconnected world.
9.1.2023	Opening Liturgy Season of Creation Let Justice and Peace Flow		A celebration of our relationship with God and all creation.
9.16.2023	Walk to Celebrate Mother Earth	Mare Wheeler Kathie Solie	Awareness of the interconnectedness of all life.
9.20.2023	Dr. Lorna Gold, Catherine Devitt, and Elizabeth Garlow "Dominican Enlivening Laudato Si'"	Diane Poplawski, OP Kathleen Bohn, OP Lisa Kane, OP Ann Pratt, OP	Living Laudato Si' through the lens of the Dominican Charism.

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10.4.2023	Closing Liturgy Season of Creation		Pray together on behalf of all Creation
Ongoing	As determined, use the Order of Worship for an educational opportunity	Ann Pratt, OP	Increased understanding of our responsibility in the ecological crisis
September 2023	Assess progress towards goal and develop 2024 Action Steps	Diane Poplawski, LSAT	Progress assessment completed and Goal Year three goals established.

## Objective 7 – Community Engagement and Participation

<b>Guide</b>	Laudato Si' Action Team		
<b>Laudato Si' Action Plan Goal 7</b>	Community Engagement and Participation		
<b>Objective</b>	To care for creation at the local, regional, national and international levels		
<b>Action Steps</b>			
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12.28 .2022	Collaborate to create a food waste composting pilot in the City of Racine.	Janet Weyker, OP Greening Greater Racine, Unity Racine Racine Urban Garden	Creation of a pilot project for food waste composting in the City of Racine.
2.3.202.	Collaborate with Racine Interfaith Coalition's Environmental Task Force to care for creation.	Ann Pratt, OP	Identify solutions that support challenges to the care of creation.
2.13.2023	Collaborate with University of Wisconsin's Environmental Workgroup to identify funding.	Ann Pratt, OP	Identify funding sources that will support caring for creation.
3.21.2023	"Save the Soil Day"	Janet Weyker Unity Racine Lutheran church of the Resurrection	Highlighting the rapidly deteriorating condition of the soil in agricultural land and its impact on food shortages.

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3.25.2023	Eco-Fest “Tending Our Roots”	Greening Greater Racine Gateway Technical College Unity Racine Janet Weyker, OP Ann Pratt, OP Diane Poplawski, OP Kyla Mrazek	Provide information and encouragement for living that care for all of creation.
5.20.2023	Health and Family Resource Fair	Ann Pratt, OP Unity Racine Racine Public Library	Provide information and encouragement for living that care for all of creation.
5.23.2023	Screening of “The Letter: A Message for Our Earth”	Ann Pratt, OP Racine Interfaith Coalition	Opportunity to invite the broader faith community in Racine to Caring for our Common Home.
September 2023	Assess progress towards goal and develop 2024 Action Steps	LSAT	Progress assessment completed and Goal Year three goals established.