



SCL Annual Interest Group Report 2021

Interest group: Care of Creation Committee

Chair: S. Rejane Cytacki

**Processes, events and/or projects in progress since
January 1, 2021:**

Care of Creation Committee

- January 2021- ongoing Laudato Si reflection times individually and as part of large group meeting
- September 2 – October 4, 2021 Season of Creation
 - Care of Creation Committee created online document containing activities, reflections, prayers

Pollinator garden sub-committee

- March 2021-ongoing pollinator garden beds built by MH grounds crew, 4 beds designed and planted, and cared for by sub-committee
- Pollinator garden will continue in 2022

Eco-Justice sub-committee

- February 2021 through May of 2021 Systemic Change Grant on renewable energy was requested and given to Care of Creation Eco-Justice sub-committee
- June- December 2021 Exploration with Shelter of Hope as a potential site for solar panels to offset electrical costs began and avenues explored for additional funding
- March 2021 Presentation on Average of Energy Usage on SCL/USM campus was given by Lloyd Hale
- Spring 2021- ongoing Letters, along with our Care of Creation Climate Crisis Statement, have been sent and will continue to be sent to Legislators and to Bishops where SCLs and SCLAs live
- Postcards requesting more awareness of Care of Creation on farmlands were sent to the Secretary of Agriculture
- June 2021- ongoing Dioceses were contacted about encouraging them to start a Laudato Si Action Platform and offering to assist in establishing Green Teams and exploring collaboration
- June 2021 meeting with Archbishop Rozanski of St. Louis- in favor of starting a Laudato Si Action Platform and we were able to provide materials
- September 2021- ongoing Diocese of Kansas City, MO – St. Joseph ongoing conversations
- October 2021- ongoing Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas beginning conversations
- December 2021- ongoing Students in area schools will be encouraged to write letters about the Care of Creation to their legislators

Up-to-date membership list:

Associates:

- Steve Nicely- Eco-Justice sub-committee, chair
- Annie Osdieck- Eco-Justice sub-committee
- Shirley Rockwell-Pollinator garden sub-committee
- Carol Anne Schmidt (unable to do Zoom meetings)
- Anna Totta- Eco-Justice sub-committee
- Diane Garlock (only Eco-Justice sub-committee)
- Rita Jensen (only Eco-Justice sub-committee)

Sisters:

- S. Rejane Cytacki, Chairperson of entire interest group
- S. Nancy Bauman- Eco-Justice sub-committee
- S. Susan Chase- Pollinator garden sub-committee
- S. Eileen Haynes- SCL council
- S. Pat Johannsen-Pollinator garden sub-committee
- S. Eileen Marie Johnson- Eco-Justice sub-committee
- Marie Loretta (Gretta) Modrcin
- Elizabeth Skalicky— (large group only)
- Mary Jane Schmitz – Eco-Justice sub-committee
- Gloria Solomon— (Large group only)
- Mary Ann Theisen—Eco-Justice sub-committee
- Mary Geraldine Yelich- Eco-Justice sub-committee