



SISTERS OF CHARITY
OF LEAVENWORTH

Laudato Si' Action Plan

Year 2, Oct. 2022 – Oct. 2023

As we enter the second year of our commitment to the Laudato Si' Action Platform, we intend to stay rooted in our charism of charity and our historical commitment to the poor. We recognize how our calling to "meet the critical needs of God's people", when looked at through the lens of integral ecology, reveals a deeply interconnected web of relationships. Humanity's belonging to one another and our duty to the common good is a concept that longs to be rediscovered. Therefore, we seek to reform the conditions that result in fractured relationships into fertile soil where mutual thriving can begin.

In light of this, we are learning to consider everything we do as contributing to a culture of integral ecology that touches on the Laudato Si' Goals. If we truly recognize "how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace", then surely, we also recognize the partners we have with entire human family and all people of goodwill who strive to cultivate the conditions where the common good can thrive.



Planning

Following our first year of grounding ourselves in our charism and developing an understanding of how we can begin permeating integral ecology throughout our community, we will dedicate our second year of the Laudato Si' Action Platform to deepening our community connections and experimenting with concrete actions toward an integral future.

- We will begin the first year of our 3-year exploratory process with our sponsored ministries, called the Integral Ecology Initiative. We will meet three times this year to develop a vision for how we can collaboratively cultivate a culture of integral ecology among our four institutions.
- We will hire a full-time position in the Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation to manage the platform and related projects. This person will become a Laudato Si' Animator through the Animator Training provided through the Laudato Si' Movement.
- We will participate in Laudato Si' Week, May 21-28 of 2023. Throughout this week we will educate the community about each of the Laudato Si' goals. We will end the week with a screening of the film *The Letter*.
- We will add an integral ecology section to our weekly newsletter, educating the community about integral ecology, unpacking *Laudato Si'*, and providing examples and articles that exemplify the mindset of integral ecology.
- We will ensure that any sisters living offsite who have solar panels at their residence will be able to transfer their solar panels to a new residence if they move.
- We will begin exploring and formatting a dialogue series focused around building a culture of encounter between our Sisters, Associates, and staff. In these dialogues, we aim to explore a variety of topics related to integral ecology, as well as form a communal, non-hierarchical identity as partners in mission.
- We will partner with Christo Rey Kansas City High School to educate their faculty about the importance of integral ecology during their annual staff training retreat.
- We will participate in the Season of Creation. In doing so, we will seek to collaborate with local parishes to create spiritually uplifting events that bridge the gap between SCL and the local religious community.
- We will begin meeting with our internal and external community to assess their needs, priorities, and passions, as well as build a network of collaboration. Through this network, we aim to work on projects that address the seven goals of the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

- We will continue our state legislative advocacy efforts on behalf of the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor on issues such as Medicaid expansion, homelessness, climate, and taxation.
- We will collaborate within the Sisters of Charity Federation for climate social and ecological justice, including being a part of the Charity Earth Network.
- We will create a fund to allow our internal committees that are focused on social justice to carry out projects related to integral ecology.
- As part of our commitment to integral ecology, we will sponsor and fund conferences that advance the ministry and education called for in Laudato Si', namely the US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking conference in 2022, and the JCWR conference in 2023.