

## **Description of the Laudato Si' Plans**

Laudato Si' has set us on the road to a better future, one in which the entire family of creation praises and honors the Creator.

Laudato Si' Plans help you discern and implement your response to Laudato Si'. The plans include reflection resources, guidance on impactful activities to reach the Laudato Si' Goals, and personalized reports on your progress.

Laudato Si' Plans support your institution's, community's, or family's "ecological conversion," helping you deepen your understanding of our relationships with the Creator, creation, and each other. As you deepen your understanding, the plans empower you to put your principles into practice through concrete actions.

Laudato Si' Plans can be adapted to your needs and your special charism. They offer personalized tracking and recognition of your progress.

Detailed information about Laudato Si' Plans will be published in October.

The following are answers to frequently asked questions:

### ***What do Laudato Si' Plans include?***

In-depth development of Laudato Si' Plans is now underway in collaboration with the diverse community of partners that is helping lead the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

In general, Laudato Si' Plans are template planning materials that support the development of culture and processes to achieve full sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology. You are warmly invited to use these plans in your institution, community, or family.

Laudato Si' Planning begins with discernment and reflection. Laudato Si' calls us to undergo an "ecological conversion," one that develops our awareness of the relationships between Creator, creation, and all our brothers and sisters. This ecological conversion is not something we experience once, but rather a continued enrichment of our spirits and a deepening of our understanding.

Our conversion naturally becomes action. The Laudato Si' Plans will suggest a list of approximately 10 to 15 actions for each of the Laudato Si' Goals. You are invited to choose which of the actions best suit your priorities and needs. You are the expert on your institution, community, or family, and you know which actions are best for you. Taken together, these actions represent a transformative journey in the holistic spirit of Laudato Si'.

You will be able to see the concrete difference that your actions are making by tracking your outcomes. In this way, you will be able to celebrate your progress, address areas of challenge, and join the universal human family in building a better future together.

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***How long does the process take?***

Your journey will consist of several years, and must be completed in no more than seven years.

***We've already started a Laudato Si' program. Can we still participate in this initiative?***

Yes, you are warmly welcomed to participate. Your actions to date are a wonderful sign of your commitment to restoring our world and building a better future together.

Achieving the vision of integral ecology requires a transformation of our spirits, culture, and practices, and while all progress is meaningful, more can always be done. Laudato Si' Plans can be a wonderful way to reexamine and deepen the actions you've taken to date.

Because they are flexible and holistic, Laudato Si' Plans fit well with other programs. If you're currently enrolled in a certification or planning program, you are invited to consider adding Laudato Si' Plans as a way of expanding and deepening your commitment to integral ecology.

***Is there a cost for the program?***

Laudato Si' Plans are offered free of charge as a ministry to the universal

Catholic Church and all men and women of good will.