

## Summary of the Laudato Si' Planning Guide

### What the Planning Guide Contains

As Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'*, "Interdependence obliges us to think of *one world with a common plan*." (LS 164)

The Planning Guide offered by the Laudato Si' Action Platform offers clarity and a common framework for creating your Laudato Si' Plan. It contains comprehensive information about spiritual reflections, the development of processes, self-assessments, choosing actions, and celebrating your progress. The Planning Guide may be used in its entirety or in sections.

### The Invitation to You

The Planning Guide is not intended to be definitive or mandatory, but inspirational and informative. It is a living document, open to new invitations from the Holy Spirit and new perspectives from the community of the faithful, both of which are essential to its usefulness.

**You are endowed by our Creator with unique gifts that you alone can bring to our shared project of protecting our common home.** As *Laudato Si'* tells us, "all of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (LS 14)

You are invited to create your own Laudato Si' Plan by using the planning guide as it is helpful.

The guide offers well informed suggestions in the spirit of humble collaboration. You are welcome to adapt its suggestions to your needs, to incorporate outside expertise and existing programs, and to use the guide and the Laudato Si' Action Platform itself in whatever way is best for you.

To remain enrolled in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, only three things are requested.

- Complete an annual self-assessment to discern where you are on the road to integral ecology, so that we might travel together.
- Upload a reflection on how your values are connected to the Laudato Si' Goals, so that others might be inspired by it.
- Upload an annual Laudato Si' Plan that includes your target outcomes and the actions you will take this year, so that others might grow along with you.

## Suggested Phases

Three general phases might be helpful as you think about your Laudato Si' Plan. **These phases resonate with the experiences and rhythms of many Catholic communities, but they are just suggestions. If you find another organizing model helpful, please feel free to use it.**

The suggested phases are to reflect, act, and evaluate. A brief description follows, with detailed information in the Planning Guide that is available to those who enroll in the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

### Reflect

- Begin with a baseline evaluation to establish a starting point for your practices.
- Consider how your unique values are connected with the Laudato Si' Goals, and upload a reflection document or video to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.
- Consider the processes that you use to make decisions about your Laudato Si' Plan.
- Establish the objectives you would like to reach through your Laudato Si' Plan.

### Act

- Review a suggested list of actions provided by the Laudato Si' Action Platform (or others, as you prefer).
- Create an annual Laudato Si' Plan and upload it to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.
- Implement the actions you have chosen.

### Evaluate

- Complete an annual self-assessment to see how you have made progress.
- Based on the results of your annual self-assessment, reflect on your journey thus far.
- Attend an online recognition ceremony hosted by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and hold your own annual celebration, if you wish.
- Create a Laudato Si' Plan for the coming year.

It is anticipated that these phases will be cyclical, and that you will undertake reflection, action, and evaluation each year. Additional information is in the full Planning Guide, which is available to those who enroll in the Laudato Si' Action Platform.