

OLS Care of Creation Laudato Si' Platform Reflection

We as the Our Lady of Sorrows Care of Creation Team are inspired by Laudato Si' On Care For Our Common Home by Pope Francis and the Laudato Si Movement and Platform. We listen to science and experience what is happening with our environment. We feel a great responsibility to pass on to the children throughout the world what we are so much enjoying. It is our hope that we as a Care of Creation Team in our parish, can be influential with our St. Louis Archdiocesan administration and parishes, especially our own parishes and neighbors. Through education and action we strive to protect the gifts of creation and prevent further deterioration of the resources of the earth.

The earth, its beauty and resources, are not to be seen only as commodities. Being part of the Laudato Si' Platform calls us to act in seven specific areas; namely, the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor, ecological economics, adoption of simple lifestyles, ecological education, ecological spirituality and emphasis on community involvement and participatory action by all levels of society.

We are grateful that this opportunity has been provided to us individually, to families, dioceses, schools, universities, hospitals, businesses, farms, religious orders, faith groups, government agencies, and to all people of good will. Uniting with others throughout the world gives us hope. It will take all of us together to make the progress that we are told is needed by the year 2050. Doing our part to care for our common home is critical for us.