**Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand Indiana**

**First Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023**

**Review and Assessment**

**RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

**The coordinator of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee will collect and publish emissions data associated with travel and lawn equipment.**
 »Information sheet on idling engines was given to the community members and posted in proximity to keyboard– Source: Idling Reduction for Personal Vehicles from U.S. Department of Energy

**The current forest management plan will be utilized to address invasive species on the monastery grounds.**
 »Work was done on one section of our woods through a grant program. More work needs to be done to make an adequate impact on the invasive species population we have on our grounds.

**RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR**

**Members will deliver meals to residents of the DOVE House.**

 »A team of sisters deliver an evening meal one day per week.

**Members will continue the outreach of those in need through our Humanitarian Fund in collaboration with other humanitarian groups. (Blessings Cabinet; Trials Tribulation Redemption Haven Over the Hilltop, Inc; southern border of the United States and Mexico; natural disasters)**

 »$24,000 has been distributed to these and various other organizations to aid them in addressing their needs.

**Members will participate in outreach to the Latino community in the Tri State area.**

 »In addition to the two sisters who have been involved in this outreach, another sister is working toward certification to assist with immigration work.

**ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS**

**The coordinator of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee will share national and local policies for sustainability to guide us on our way towards “total sustainability.”**

 »More work needs to be done on this goal.

**As our investment policies are amended, the Investment Committee will ensure that the policies embrace the principles set out in the Laudato Si’ Encyclical.**

 »We have signed the LSM’s divestment of fossil fuel agreement.

**SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES**

**Sisters will be educated about sustainable lifestyles. Individual sisters will choose how to make changes in her lifestyle that will support a path towards “total sustainability.”**

#  »More ongoing education is in order.

**Sisters will continue to refine processes in our recycling program.**

 »Some individual serving size food items have been curtailed. (i.e. butter, jelly, peanut butter)

**ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

**The Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee will promote Laudato Si related offerings to community members and those participating in our retreat ministry and outreach. (Laudato Si’ Retreats, Circles, Cosmic Walk)**

 »The Future of Catholic Climate Advocacy: IRA, COP 27, and a New Congress was offered; Presence at Earth Day event at local hospital to promote Laudato Si’ Week; presentation on Laudato Si’ Encyclical offered during LS Week; our Season of Creation booth informed visitors of the season, invited visitors to our Film Series and promoted advocacy.

**ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY**

**The coordinator of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee will invite members and Oblates to virtual and in-person Season of Creation activities offered through the Catholic Climate Covenant and Laudato Si’ Movement.**

 »The Letter has been shown several times here at the monastery for the sisters and there was a public screening during Laudato Si’ Week. Laudato Si’ Encyclical presentation given at a monthly Oblate meeting.

**Tour guides will share the Laudato Si’ Pledge with visitors.**

»All the cards have been distributed. Director of Tourism was asked to include the topic with visitors.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATORY ACTION**

**The coordinator of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation will engage members in the Encounter for Our Common Home.**

 »Have put in announcements CCC webinar opportunities.

 Letter to President Biden ahead of COP 27 meeting

 EPA and Administration to act now by advancing clean car standards and moving our nation to our 100% zero-emission vehicles goal by 2035

**The coordinator of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation will provide education on legislation supporting Laudato Si’ Action Platform goals and invite advocacy on national, state, and local levels**.

 »State Catholic Conference Action Alerts, USCCB Action Alerts, Catholic Climate Covenant Actions are shared with community members.

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In addition to the above assessment to the specific goals that we had his year, other areas where we have shared Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ Encyclical and his invitation to journey toward total sustainability:

promoted and attended the diocesan Green Mass,

celebrated Earth Day with prayer, tree planting and presentation about sustainability,

promoted Laudato Si’ Pledge, shared Our Common Home A guide to caring for our living planet with program participants in our retreat programs and community members.