

As members of the SJAA Committee we feel a part of and a deep connection to others in the group with similar concerns as raised by Pope Francis in Laudato Si.

One of the areas where we come together is in our shared Catholic heritage and practices. We share wonderful social events together in a true spirit of friendship and love.

Our monthly meetings are a sort of clearinghouse of ideas, inspiration and calls to action to stimulate each other and share our struggles.

As a microcosm of persons with varying perspectives that come to light and are focused on during our discussions, we grow as a group more than with just in our individual parts.

By forming a L.S. platform group we become even more connected to other like-minded communities. This encourages us to continue, gives us hope and inspires us to persevere and also provides new insights and possible actions. Two of the main parts of L.S. are to listen and respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

The videos narrated by Father Horan spell out in great detail what we are called to do.

Our group together and as individuals have responded in varying ways.

Examples of this are....

Letter writing to MPP, MP

Signing petitions on social media

Attending protests such as Healthcare

Promoting Pope Francis' video "The Letter" in our parishes, etc.

Reduce use of red meat, plastics and travel

Install heat pumps and solar panels

Buy electric vehicles

Volunteering to feed the poor, care for the sick and to sponsor immigrants

Plant trees and pollinator gardens

Teach our young ones about the perils of climate change and encourage them to speak out as we lead by example