



Reflecting on the Laudato Si' Goals

We invite you to create a brief document or video reflection explaining how your unique values and identity are connected to the Laudato Si' Goals and upload it to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

You can use this template to create your reflection, or you can use your own format to carry out your reflection in the way that is most meaningful to you.

- Review the Laudato Si' Goals [here](#). Which of these goals speaks to you the most, and how have they inspired changes for you or your community?

I have a great call to respond to the cry of the Earth. I've been blessed to travel the world. Through these travels I have seen the Earth's beauty but also her sorrows. The Earth is God's gift to us, and we must do all we can to protect her. This call inspires me to look at ways to strengthen our commitment to renewable energies and sustainable agriculture.

- Why are these issues important to you? Why do you feel called to this work?

We only have one planet and time is running out. I feel that God has placed me in the right position in the right time with the skills needed to make a change in our diocese and hopefully our State. His call is propelling me into action. I want to make the world better for my children. I want to show them that they can make a difference for our community and our planet.

- What are the current and future climate/environmental impacts in your diocese?

Our Diocese is impacted by varying and severe weather occurrences whether it be wind, hail, draught, etc. In the future we can expect to see more severe weather patterns, which will cause losses to Dioceses and local parishes. Our diocese and parishes also benefit monetarily from mineral extraction.

- What things related to *Laudato Si'* are already underway in your diocese? These could be at the diocesan, parish, or school level.

At the Diocesan level, we are attempting to be mindful of our energy consumption within our properties. At our old chancery office we heated/cooled the building with solar panels. We've also divested our vehicle fleet. We are looking to install solar panels on our new building.