

2023-2024 SAINT SIMON PARISH AND SCHOOL LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM Goals

(Sept.1, 2023 to Aug.31, 2024)

As stewards of God's creation, members, staff, and volunteers are committed to make continuous progress in addressing “the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” in the spirit of Laudato Si’ for a more sustainable future for all.

We are committed to the 7 LSAP platform goals:

Response to the Cry of the Earth

Response to the Cry of the Poor

Ecological Economics

Adoption of Sustainable/ Simple Lifestyles

Ecological Education

Ecological Spirituality

Community Resilience and Advocacy

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH				
The Response to the Cry of the Earth is a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability. Our primary focus is the reduction of fossil fuels and using the land productively.				
ACTION	TEAM	LS GOAL/ CST	TIMEFRAM E/ DEADLINE	NOTATIONS
Improve Recycling Signage in all facilities & provide education to parishioners.	Facilities School CFF	LS4 Simple Lifestyle LS5 Education CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship	Ongoing beginning Aug. 2023	Simple, clear messages Completed by Stewardship weekend @ end of August & Parish

		of Creation CST Participation		BBQ
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		CST Rights and Responsibilities		
Educate students / school staff on recycling do's and don'ts.	School CFF Youth Group	LS4 Simple Lifestyle LS5 Education CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Ongoing	Ongoing assemblies, reminder events Train lunch yard duty Work with 5 th grade to be recycling monitors for school service.
Classroom Recycling	School Facilities CFF	LS4 Simple Lifestyle LS5 Education CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Ongoing	Separation of paper for trash/ recycling Janitors pulling waste to appropriate bins.
Provide Information to Parishioners on electric conversion in transportation and within home (water heaters, stoves, fireplaces, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers). Convent hot water system replaced with circulating water system in 2016. Convent Induction Stove 2023	Green Team	LS4 Simple Lifestyle LS7 Advocacy CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	9/2023 5/ 2024 Ongoing messaging	Informational Fairs

<p>Explore/ research utilizing the school garden space for growing food for those in need.</p>	<p>School Green Team</p>	<p>LS2 Cry of the Poor LS5 Education LS7 Community CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Research completed by 6/2024</p>	<p>Tag onto Outdoor Living School program; harvest food over summer that is available and clean raised beds for Fall. Explore volunteer families caring for garden over the summer.</p>
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<p>E-Waste Collection (Ongoing alternate years)</p>	<p>SVdP</p>	<p>LS4 Simple Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Began 2019, provided every two years; Currently 8/2023</p>	<p>Provide other locations if miss this drop off date</p>

<p>RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR</p>				
<p>The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life and address the challenges facing the global community.</p>				
<p>ACTIONS</p>	<p>TEAM</p>	<p>LS GOALS/ CST</p>	<p>DEADLINE/ TIMEFRAME</p>	<p>NOTATIONS</p>

<p>Homeless lunches (prepare, serve lunch for homeless at Life Moves)</p>	<p>OSJ/ School/ VA</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Weekly</p>	<p>Parishioners prepare weekly, one day a week, school students prepare lunches one week a month. SVdP Quarterly</p>
<p>Meals for Refugees 2x a year, (based on Catholic Charities)</p>	<p>OSJ/ JM</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Bi- annually</p>	<p>Part of Diocesan group that prepares meals</p>
<p>Canned and non perishable food drive</p>	<p>SVdP School/ VA CFF/M H</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation</p>	<p>Monthly</p>	<p>Monthly drive August - June</p>

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<p>Rent Support for families throughout the Diocese.</p>	<p>SVdP</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>As requested</p>	
<p>Research opportunity to develop a housing effort for migrants/ refugees waiting for asylum approval.</p>	<p>OSJ</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common good CST Solidarity CST Option for the Poor CST Role of Government CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>June 2024</p>	<p>Look at Annunciation House in El Paso as model</p>
<p>School Supply Drive Kinship Center/ Foster families Supply drive for East palo Alto Schools</p>	<p>School SVdP</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Annually July - August</p>	<p>Filled backpacks and bulk supplies</p>
<p>Veterans Basic Needs Drive Collect Halloween</p>	<p>SVdP School/ VA CFF/M</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community</p>	<p>Annually October</p>	

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Turkey Thanksgiving Drive	SVdP	LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Annually November	Opportunity for family volunteers
Giving Tree	SVdP School/ VA CFF/M H	LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Annually December	

Sleeping bags/ Warm clothing Drive	SVdP	LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Annually January/February	
Easter Basket Drive	SVdP	LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle	Annually March	

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Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program	OSJ School CFF	LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Annually Lent	

<p>Layette Drive/ Support for Newborn (Diocesan program and Everybody Loves a Baby)</p>	<p>OSJ</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Bi-annually</p>	<p>\$6,000 donation and biannual collection</p>
<p>Supportive / welcoming cards for parishioners/ mass attendees/ those in nursing homes Placemats for Senior lunches; lunch bags for TJ.</p> <p>Vani send to Sr. Mary Han</p>	<p>School</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Monthly</p>	<p>Grades K-4? Feedback on mental health support</p>

<p>Tijuana Mission Trip (Build homes, reinstate mom's and children's program)</p>	<p>OSJ</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS3 Ecological Economics LS7 Community Involvement CST Dignity of Human Person CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Annual trip</p>	<p>Parish interest and gifts to raise \$10,000 + volunteers to build</p>
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ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Ecological Economics acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society and questions the value we find in the products and services we use in relation to the health of the earth.

ACTIONS	TEAM	LS GOALS/ CST	DEADLINE / TIMEFRAME	NOTATIONS
<p>Solar Energy Support on Church and School (Track consumption/ current solar capacity for efficiency)</p>	Facilities	LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Role of Government CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Completed 2018	Need to ensure efficiency of panels and timing of replacement. How is system being maintained?
<p>Lighting Conversion to LED fixtures / lighting in Church, school hallways and classrooms, Parish Center, rectory, convent, preschool. Exterior flood lighting converted 2016.</p>	Facilities	LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Role of Government CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Completed 2012, 2016	PG&E Rebate program Ensure efficiencies
<p>Conversion to water conservation toilets, faucets, shower heads at convent, rectory, gym, school. Improved hot water system in</p>	Facilities	LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Role of Government CST Participation	2014-2015	Silicon Valley Water District rebate program, Low-flow and replacement program. Track efficiencies.

Convent for water use reduction.		CST Rights and Responsibilities		
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<p>Review and assess power usage for additional refrigerators, coffee pots being used in individual classrooms</p>	<p>Facilities School</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>December 2023</p>	
<p>Convert sprinkler watering system to drip irrigation; replaced irrigation controllers and sprinkler systems.</p>	<p>Facilities</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Role of Government CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>2014-2015</p>	<p>Silicon Valley Water District rebate program, maintain system.</p>
<p>Research/ Explore EV Charging Stations Viability for Church Parking Lot</p>	<p>Facilities</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST role of Government CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>June 2024</p>	<p>Assess possible locations, hidden from the street. Review pros and cons.</p>
<p>Provide Information to Parishioners of Socially Responsible Retailers/ Products (Research/ vet organizations)</p>	<p>Green Team</p>	<p>LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS7 Community Advocacy CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Environmental Fair: Sept. 2023</p>

Rummage Sale-organize collection of gently used goods for non profit organizations to repurpose them versus the landfill.	PS/ NP	LS1 Cry of the Earth LS4 Sustainable Lifestyle LS7 Community Advocacy CST Common Good CST Option for the Poor CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation	Sept. 2023 Annually	Clothing, household goods, toys
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		CST Rights and Responsibilities CST Economic Justice		
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ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES				
<p>The Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles is grounded in the idea of promoting care in the use of people, resources, and energy. It is focused on changing our behaviors and mindset to align with the message of <i>Laudato Si'</i>. Concept of "less is more".</p>				
ACTIONS	TEAMS	LS GOALS/ CST	TIMEFRAM E/ DEADLINE	NOTATIONS
Review recycling and waste reduction protocol in parish facilities and with ministry and club events. Determine what training and resources are required to increase participation and reduce waste streams, (paper, food, food containers, water bottles).	Facilities School PLG CFF	LS1 Cry of the Earth LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Role of Government CST Participation	Complete assessment by 2023	Look at all parish wide events, sporting events, clubs, after-school care, CFF program, all ministry meetings, scouts.

<p>Research Hosting a Bike Recycling/ Repair Collection Drive- (bikes, walkers, wheelchairs, bike parts, etc.)</p>	<p>Green Team</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth LS2 Cry of the Poor LS5 Ecological Education LS7 Community Advocacy CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation</p>	<p>Research in 2024 Host event if viable in 2025</p>	
<p>Research transition to native/ drought tolerant gardens on parish grounds and determine feasibility.</p> <p>Identify convent garden and side native gardens</p>	<p>Facilities</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth LS3 Ecological Economics CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Research completed 2024</p>	<p>Possible locations: Parking Areas Youth Center Garden/ patio Rectory Garden/ patio Kinder gardens Front of parish center</p>

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

<p>Ecological Education is about re-thinking and re-designing communication, education, and practices in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and transformative action.</p>				
<p>ACTION</p>	<p>TEAMS</p>	<p>LSGOALS/ CST</p>	<p>TIMEFRAM E/ DEADLINE</p>	<p>NOTATIONS</p>
<p>Creation Care Corner sustainability tips (messaging placed in parish bulletin/ website)</p>	<p>MN/ RH Parish bulletin & website School Newsletter</p>	<p>LS6 Ecological Spirituality CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Weekly Bulletin Announcements</p>	

<p>4- Minute talks at end of mass</p>	<p>Priests Lay persons</p>	<p>LS6 Ecological Spirituality CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>September April May Other months based on events</p>	
<p>Laudato Si' Climate Change Presentations (Invite a local expert to talk about the encyclical and actions to reduce the impact of climate change)</p>	<p>Green Team</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship for Creation CST Participation</p>	<p>September March May</p>	<p>Paul Shutz Michael Bakan Presentation of "The Letter", group discussion To Teens and adults</p>
<p>Host Environmental Fairs for Parishioners (Informational (Sept.) & students (April/May) showcasing their science environmental projects) Before and after masses.</p>	<p>Green Team School?</p>	<p>LS4 Simple Lifestyle LS7 Community Involvement CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Sept. 2023 May 2024</p>	<p>Sept.: 12 tables with varying information May: Student showcase of learnings/ projects</p>
<p>Field Trips (Organize an encounter for children and adults with all aspects of the environment to educate on the need for Creation Care and</p>	<p>School (Based on grade)</p>	<p>LS1 Cry of the Earth CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship for Creation CST Participation</p>	<p>2023 -2024 School year</p>	<p>Science Camp (grades 6,8)</p>

<p>species diversity protection)</p>				
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<p>Fair Trade Education Talk (Invite a local expert to give a talk about the importance of Fair Trade) Host sale of products/ identify local merchants selling fair trade products</p>	<p>Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p>LS3 Ecological Economics CST Human Dignity CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>Annual (prior to holidays)</p>	<p>Student/ Youth Group Reflections Deacon Steve Herrera or Deacon Ruben Solorio?</p>
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ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY is rooted in spending more time outdoors experiencing to strengthen and deepen our commitment to nature. It causes us to reflect spiritually on God's creation.

ACTIONS	TEAMS	LSGOALS/ CST	TIMEFRAM E/ DEADLINE	NOTATIONS
<p>Laudato Si' Action Platform Seminars - educating parish leaders on the interconnected nature of Parish good works and <i>Laudato Si'</i> Action Platform Goals</p>	<p>Green Team Ministry leaders</p>	<p>LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>During Season of Creation 9/1 – 10/4; Earth Day Week; Anniv. Of Laudato Si' Week 5/21-5/28</p>	<p>Paul Shutz 9/2023 Michael Bakan 9/2023</p>
<p>Creation Care Mass Intentions</p>	<p>Liturgical Ministry</p>	<p>LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities</p>	<p>During Season of Creation 9/1 – 10/4; Earth Day Week; Anniv. Of Laudato Si' Week 5/21-5/28</p>	

Creation Care Homilies	Priests	LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	During Season of Creation 9/1 – 10/4; Earth Day Week; Anniv. Of Laudato Si' Week 5/21-5/28	
Blessing of Natural Outdoor Spaces used	Green Team Priests	CST Stewardship of Creation	April (Earth Day Week) 2024	

for Reflection/ Meditation				
Retreat for Confirmation Candidates (Include a teaching/ reflection on Laudato Si')	Youth Director KM	LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	Fall 2023	
Blessing of Animals on Feast of St. Francis Assisi	Liturgical Ministry	LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	October 4, 2023 Annual event	Parishioner participation
4-minute talks @ end of mass	Priests	LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities	During Season of Creation 9/1 – 10/4; Earth Day Week; Anniv. Of Laudato Si' Week 5/21-5/28	Parishioner engagement on issues

Wellness Walk	H&W	LS5 Ecological Education CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation	Oct. 21	Focus of walk is spirituality of nature, our surroundings
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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT (ADVOCACY) Ability for communities to work together within their families, schools, churches, and neighborhood groups to address environmental concerns and promote advocacy campaigns.

ACTIONS	TEAMS	LS GOALS/ CST	TIMEFRAM E/ DEADLINE	NOTATIONS
Write to Congress campaign write Congress on behalf of Creation Care with “call-to-action” communication.	Green Team Parishioners	CST Solidarity CST Stewardship of Creation CST Subsidiarity & Role of Government CST Participation CST Rights & Responsibilities	Ongoing	As issues / bills are identified

(Where appropriate issues/legislative bills arise)				
Maintain garden for feeding those in need. Utilize the school garden to its full capacity – built in 2018-2019.	Green Team School Youth Group/ KM Facilities Parent Volunteers	LS2 Cry of the Poor LS 4 Simple Lifestyle CST Solidarity CST Preferential Option for the Poor CST Stewardship of Creation CST Participation CST Rights & Responsibilities	June 2024	Look for family volunteers to maintain over summer

<p>Research, develop and participate in a coalition of local interfaith congregations to respond to local social issues.</p>	<p>OSJ/GT Parish Youth Group / KM</p>	<p>LS6 Ecological Spirituality CST Common Good CST Solidarity CST Participation CST Rights and Responsibilities CST Economic Justice</p>		<p>Form a local interfaith group to address local issues. Youth director work with other youth group leaders to form coalition and collaborative groups.</p>
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