



Examples of Laudato Si' Activities in Dioceses

The following are examples of activities to implement *Laudato Si'* that are already happening in dioceses around the country.

***Laudato Si'* Action Plan:** [32 U.S. dioceses](#) have adopted or are developing a [Laudato Si' Action Plan](#) focused on seven goals identified by the Dicastery for Integral Human Development. Each plan is unique and tailored to local needs. Examples include [Atlanta](#), [Chicago](#), [Cincinnati](#), [Davenport](#), [Lexington](#), [Kansas City-St. Joseph](#), [San Diego](#), [San Jose](#), and [Seattle](#).

***Laudato Si'* Pilgrimage:** Some dioceses are implementing a [pilgrimage](#), which can help engage young people. The Archdiocese of San Antonio is leading an 8-mile, 2025 Care for Creation Pilgrimage on May 24th. See [this video](#) of their 2022 pilgrimage led by Archbishop Garcia-Siller. The Archdiocese of Seattle included faith sharing and a trash cleanup pilgrimage at their [Earth Day Summit](#) with Seattle University.

Season of Creation (Sept. 1-Oct. 4): The [World Day of Prayer](#) for Creation begins the Season of Creation; this year's theme is ["Peace with Creation."](#) In 2024, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis created a [webpage](#) dedicated to the Season of Creation featuring *Laudato Si'* activities, liturgical celebrations, bulletin inserts, and other resources for parishes.

Fast from Meat: The Archdiocese of Boston's [Laudato Si' Action Plan](#) offers the idea of Meatless Fridays or Mondays all-year-round as an activity which, in addition to spiritual benefits, is also good for the planet.

Formation on *Laudato Si'*: Many dioceses use the [USCCB guide](#) to introduce Catholics to this important encyclical. The Minnesota Catholic Conference created a [localized study guide and materials](#) to help Catholics in Minnesota consider how their faith calls them to care for our common home.

Advocacy to Advance Integral Ecology: Catholics can participate in [federal advocacy](#) to care for creation. Local advocacy is also important. As part of their *Laudato Si'* Action Plan, the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph is supplementing prayer and education efforts with opportunities for Catholics to [advocate](#) with the Missouri Catholic Conference.

Clean Energy/Efficiency Assessments: In partnership with the [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) and a Victory Knoll grant, the Archdiocese of Omaha, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and the Diocese of Gary are conducting baseline carbon emissions assessments and providing net zero emissions pathways for 800 buildings. In addition, [Catholic Energies](#) can help dioceses transition to solar and improve efficiency.

Collaborate with CCHD, Catholic Charities and CRS: Dioceses can work with organizations funded by the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](#), such as the [South Baltimore Community Land Trust](#) (Archdiocese of Baltimore) which creates quality, zero waste affordable housing. [Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens](#) implements community gardening. The [CRS chapter](#) in the Diocese of San Diego helps Catholics advocate and support our brothers and sisters impacted by environmental challenges.