

What is the Catholic Church doing for the Earth?



Pope Francis has written two documents, [*Laudato Si'*](#) and [*Laudate Deum*](#), which strongly urge **all of us**, and especially world leaders, to rethink and change our way of seeing the Earth and all the life she supports. These documents call upon us to act in seven areas: response

to the cry of the Earth, response to the cry of the poor, ecological economics, adoption of sustainable lifestyles, ecological education, ecological spirituality, and community resilience and empowerment.

[***The Diocese of Syracuse***](#) has a Care for Our Common Home Task Force which has addressed the seven goals of *Laudato Si'* by organizing webinars, by assisting parishes to set up local task forces, by planning and implementing prayer opportunities, by advocating for the needs of the Earth and all her life to diocesan and local leadership, by working with LeMoyne College.

[***All Saints Parish Care for Our Common Home Task Force***](#) has for the last ten years been an active voice implementing the seven goals of *Laudato Si'*. As a result of their efforts, All Saints Parish has sought to model the principles of *Laudato Si'* by reducing their carbon footprint by joining Community Solar and encouraging parishioners to do the same; by replacing all lights with LED lights; by ceasing use of styrofoam products and reducing use of plastics. The task force has offered book studies and educational programs on environmental issues. They have incorporated prayer for the Earth and all the life she supports in regular Liturgies and prayer events.