

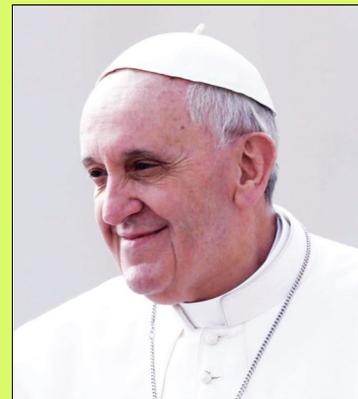
Become a Laudato Si' Community

with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Laudato Si', no. 217)

The Archdiocese Catholic Social Action Office and Climate Change Task Force want to recognize Catholic parishes, schools and institutions that live out Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* message of caring for God's creation. Qualifying Catholic parishes, schools and institutions will:

- Earn the title "Laudato Si' Community"
- Receive a letter of recognition from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and an eco-friendly banner to display in or outside their building.
- Be featured on the Archdiocesan website, Facebook page, and in other Archdiocesan media outlets and communications.



How can your Catholic parish, school or community apply?

1. **Contact Catholic Social Action:** Email (csa@catholiccincinnati.org) or call (513-421-3131 ext. 2660) Catholic Social Action to let us know you'd like to apply. We'll email you instructions and the application form, as well as the links for the online application forms, one for facilities and one for households.
2. **Facilities Green Assessment:** Fill out the online "Laudato Si' Facilities Assessment," where you will report what your organization already does to care for God's creation. In order to qualify for Laudato Si' recognition, you must earn a score of 80 or above. If you don't reach the needed score, you can pledge to more "green" initiatives, take the assessment again and have your commitments included in your score.
3. **Household Green Assessment:** Encourage your parish or school families to individually fill out the online "Household Green Assessment," which will ensure that the effort truly becomes communal. Households are not expected to reach any target score; the goal is to encourage awareness and give families new ideas to care for creation. To qualify for Laudato Si' recognition, at least 10% of the households of your parish, school or community must take the assessment. Each applicant can determine for itself what that based on (total registered, weekly Mass attendance, school's student population, etc.)
4. **Educational Program:** Provide an educational opportunity on Laudato Si' or care for creation for your members. Catholic Social Action can provide or help connect you to possible programs.
5. **Submit application:** Fill out the submission form and 1) scan/email it to csa@catholiccincinnati.org, 2) fax it to (513) 421-1582 OR 3) mail it to: Catholic Social Action, 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202.



All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education. (Laudato Si', no. 214)

Join the movement. Apply today!