

**Caring for God's Creation:**  
***Pray, Learn, Connect, and Enact Together the Laudato Si' Action Platform***  
***The Laudato Si' Action Platform Conference***

**Objectives:**

- 1) Nurture relationships of fellowship and mutual support for ongoing prayer, education, and action among members of the Archdiocese executing the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform over a seven-year period.
- 2) Share best practices developed by those already executing the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform. Support one another in addressing challenges and building momentum.
- 3) Seek representation by every parish family and Catholic school in the Archdiocese such that those who have not yet developed LSAP plans can receive support from those that have.
- 4) Highlight and celebrate the strengths of our archdiocesan community.

**Date:** March 4, 2023

**Location:** Curran Place, University of Dayton

**8:30 am: Registration open. Opportunities for fellowship and viewing exhibits.**

**9:00 am: Welcome:** Eric Spina, President, University of Dayton

**9:05 am: Opening Prayer**

**9:10 – 9:45 am: “Becoming Painfully Aware”:** Witnesses to the Global Degradation of Our Common Home

A panel of speakers will share their experiences of climate change in multiple regions across the globe.

**9:50 - 10:20 am *The Spiritual Vision of Laudato Si'***

Vincent Miller, Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture, University of Dayton

**10:20 - 11:00 am *The State of the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change and Paths Toward Carbon Neutrality***

Professor Robert Brecha, Director of Sustainability Program; Hanley Sustainability Institute, Joint Appointments in Department of Physics and School of Engineering, Renewable and Clean Energy Program

**11:00 – 11:15 am: Coffee Break**

**11:15 – 12:15 pm: Panel – Policy & Advocacy for the Common Good**

Speakers will discuss policy at local, state, and federal levels of government.

**12:15 pm – 12:45 pm: Lunch**

**12:45 pm - 1:30 pm: Student Panel**

University, college, and high school students respond to previous speakers and share their concerns, commitments, and passions.

**1:30 – 2:45 pm: Panel - *Laudato Si'* in Action**

Panel featuring leaders of initiatives who represent one or more of the *Laudato Si'* Action Plan goals in action.

**2:45 – 3:15 pm: Coffee Break**

Including the opportunity for participants to network with speakers from the previous session in the exhibit area.

**3:15 – 4:00 pm: Parish/School/Congregation/Domestic Church Best Practices Concurrent Sessions**

In these sessions, those already enacting the LSAP in their parish, home, school, or congregation will share their best practices. Those who have not yet begun an LSAP plan may learn from the experience of others. For everyone, it will be an opportunity for fellowship and networking.

**4:00 pm: Open mic sharing of great ideas!**

**4:20 pm: Closing prayer**

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