

The inspiration is St Francis of Assisi."

Pope Francis

The feast of St Francis of Assisi ,Tuesday, October 4th

- * brings to a close the Season of Creation,
- * gives us inspiration for our on-going journey.

We are called to bring the **SPIRIT** and **ACTION** of this Season into our daily life .

St Francis speaks to our time.

He is THE MAN OF POVERTY

THE MAN OF PEACE

THE MAN WHO LOVES AND PROTECTS CREATION

IS A SPIRITUALITY
WHOSE TIME HAS COME.

In our Parish Prayer we, as a parish, respond to the cry of the Earth:

"We give thanks for all of creation and acknowledge our responsibility of stewardship to the earth and all living things."

Pray:

Pray this prayer each day.

It will shape our minds and hearts.

Choose:

Make a commitment to an activity that suits your situation. It will become a good habit.

Share:

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Together we will live as a community

That loves and cares for the earth.

Laudato Si Goals.

A GLOBAL RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

While each of us will be responding to the earth's cry, in our own way, the Pope offers parishes/ groups, the opportunity of working together on a different aspect of the environment, in each of the next 7 years. This is named 'The Laudato Si Action Platform.

We need to be be informed:

WHAT IS LAUDATO SI?

Laudato Si (LS) is the Pope's groundbreaking writing on the state of our environment, our Common Home.

WHAT IS THE LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM?

The Platform is a set of specific goals aimed at bringing about a better awareness of how we, in a positive way, can affect the earth and vulnerable people. Over the span of 7 years, a goal a year can be the focus of action in a parish or group.

See over for t he direction of the 7 Goals

The call in the 7 Laudato Si Goals is

- A response to the Cry of the Earth
- a response to the Cry of the Poor.
- adopt a Simple Lifestyle.
- develop an Ecological Spirituality.
- engage in Ecological Education.
- address Ecological Economics.
- support Community involvement and participation.

The 7 Goals are drawn from material in Pope Francis' Encyclical document Laudato Si.

It is time to reap the riches in the Pope's writings to create life-giving relationships with all creation.

To Ponder:

What kind of parish do we want to be in response to the Pope's invitation?

How can our parish be part of the Pope's Laudato Si Action Plan?

Can we hear the voice of the Spirit moving us to participate in this Global movement?

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