

A plan to put into practice the integral ecology vision of Laudato Si'



To respond as Marianist Sisters to:

- the cry of the Earth
- the cry of the poor
- the cry of the young and future generations



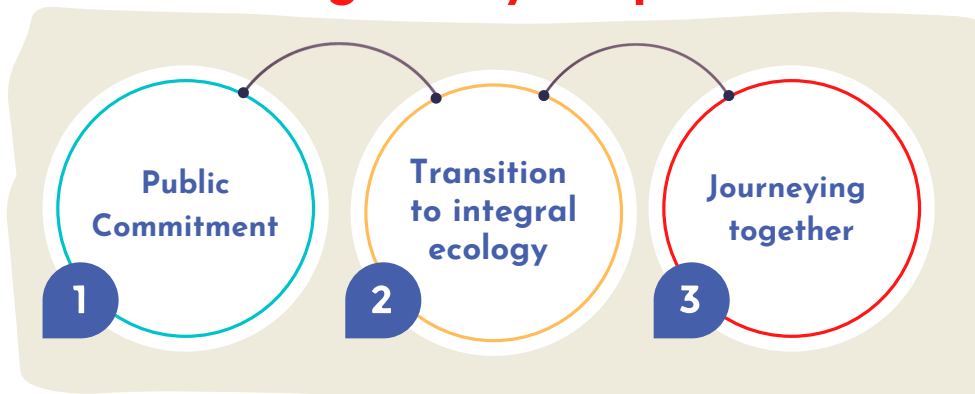
We are invited to join the Laudato Si' Action Platform

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>



A space, created with the collaboration between the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, an international coalition of Catholic organizations, and "all men and women of good will" (LS 3), for institutions, communities, and families to learn and grow together.

Through a 7-year process



The Laudato Si' Goals guide our actions.



Laudato Si' Action Plan

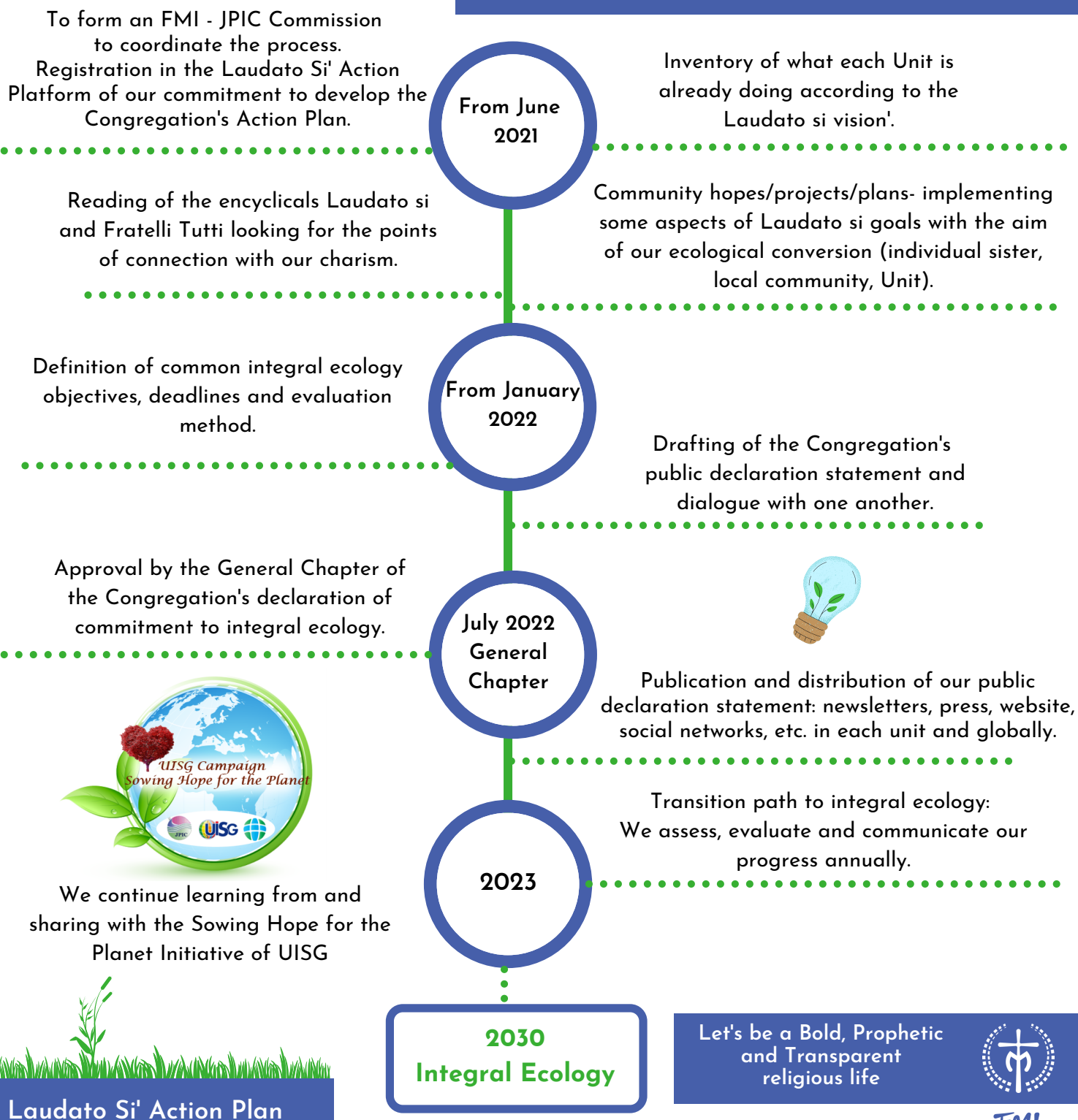
Rethinking our charism to discover the integral ecology dimensions of our Founders, and the gift our charism contributes to living out the LSAP



- Called to care for life in our common home with Mary's maternal tenderness.
- To form a critical mass, as communities that pass on the desire for change and transformation.
- To cultivate an interior sensitivity that perceives the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
- SEE, JUDGE, ACT like Mary.
- Called to adapt and respond to the signs of the times of our day.



Path to public commitment



Let's start with small steps to go a long way



Micaela Lee, General Assistant for Temporalities

We are missionaries of Mary. Therefore, we ask for her help as we strive to care for creation imitating her maternal care.

Personal ecology: paying attention, getting out of comfort and routine, being coherent, growing in ecological spirituality and acting in solidarity; controlling water, electricity and gas expenses and also the time and purpose with which we use our cell phones and internet connection.

Community ecology: A Common Plan to unite us in prayer, formation and action.

Ecology for mission: To transmit the sense of care in our mission circles (schools, lay groups, parishes, etc.). Promote small actions and propose collaboration as a Marianist Family.



Leanne Jablonski, USA

We feel a great responsibility in the United States because we contribute a lot to climate change.

I think about how Fr. Chaminade spoke of the contagion of faith. In our time Laudato si' can make a difference in the same way. Adele lived in the countryside and saw in the changes in nature a message about transformation and change in her life. She also heard the cry of the poor.

I am very excited about the possibility of sharing what we are already doing in all countries in relation to the environment, **learning from each other and developing ideas to be a dynamic influence and inspiration to all** who work with us and to the other branches of the Marianist Family.



Scolastica Le Thi Hoang Oanh, Vietnam

Pope Francis' encyclical has made me reflect on See, Judge and Act. I discovered the 6 R's of sustainability as ways to respond to the cry of the Earth (rethink, reduce, recycle, reuse, repair, refuse plastic and whatever generates pollution). There are concrete actions that we can take as a Congregation: with our simple lifestyle, small daily actions such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, turning off unnecessary lights, reducing water consumption, planting trees, etc....

Beginning with a small step, we will be able to walk a long way together.



Clotilde Fernández del Pozo, General Assistant for Education

Our founders, without using the word ecology, had a clear awareness of what ecology is, and of the need to combat everything that separates us from God. Father Chaminade and Mother Adele had a very strong sense of what conversion is, of the purpose of the community walking together toward holiness, of the power of critical mass. I think they would have no difficulty in joining the Laudato Si' Action Platform. **It is the opportunity to live our mission globally, to live our spirituality more deeply.**

**Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a
single family dwelling in a common home. (FT #17)**

Patricia Acuña, Chile

We highly value **the vision of the native peoples who see the Earth as a mother, the Pachamama, who nourishes and sustains. A mother is cared for and respected.** Laudato si' reflects 5 numbers (470 to 475) of the document of Aparecida (2007): nature is a free inheritance, a precious space for human coexistence but threatened by economic and technological powers. We are part of an irrational exploitation. It is worthwhile to go back to these numbers and see the practical proposals which are made to consider them from each part of the world.

I find a much meaning in the words of Leonardo Boff: *"As important as environmental and social ecology, is mental ecology.... If the Earth is in a bad state and is sick, it is a sign that the mind is sick"*.

As women, we are called to care for life in its totality. There is a strong call to religious life and it is urgent to respond. Starting from the personal level, let us move on to a community, congregational, Marianist Family, ecclesial, social, and social commitment.



M. Annick Robez-Masson, France

It seems to me that the first conversion is, first of all, **to become aware of my way of looking at the world**, to find again the surprise, the wonder, not to consider that nature is only the frame of our life, to realize that it is not separated from us. The experience we have lived during this year with the isolation has made us see the power of nature.

The second conversion is **to learn to listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.** We have the duty to stay well informed and not to pass superficially over the information we receive.

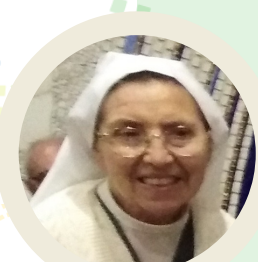
We are not independent units. In my community and in my unit, in communion with the Marianist Family and with the local Church, it is possible to create synergy.

What do we need to change in order to become green communities?



Gianna Carlessi, Italy

I feel fascinated and challenged by the idea of the ecosystem in which everything is connected. **Any part that is destroyed can be harmful to the whole, and Covid has demonstrated this.** The Church and the world are asking us to save the planet. Many organizations large and small, international, religious and secular, have already set out to respond urgently to this environmental crisis. Reading Laudato Si' has increased my desire to know. I want to understand the beauty of the world God has given us. **We need a real conversion that does not remain in theory.** Small projects such as arousing the interest of the people I meet every day, highlighting the problems that impoverish people and the earth, asking for their awareness and the joy of serving others, cultivating hope, witnessing and much prayer in the certainty that something will change for the better. Recycling, composting, managing the use of electricity, admiring creation for all that it gives us, allowing ourselves to be caught by its beauty...



We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world... Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy. (FT #78)

For many reasons, now is the time!

"Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly".

POPE FRANCIS

It's a top priority of Pope Francis.

Resources are available in many languages & cultures.



DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

JPIC and Laudato si / Integral Ecology is an expressed priority of our Congregation and there is energy for it.

In the last General Chapters, throughout the reconfiguration process and in recent FMI virtual meetings.

IMPORTANT!

LSAP and Integral Ecology integrates other social justice & Human rights issues with a strong spirituality.



It is vocation-attractive.

Young people see climate change as a priority issue and want to take action.



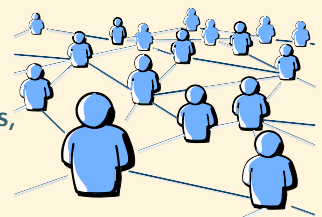
Engaging together in the Laudato Si Action Platform is a way to put our reconfiguration into practice globally.

By learning more about each Unit and our ministries and working together on a common project.



Our apostolic ministries engage in the other 6 LSAP Sectors:

Families,
Parishes/Diocese, Schools,
Colleges/Universities,
Hospitals/Health care,
Organizations



"Everything should help us raise our hearts to God - and to provide us with topics for reflection; first the plants, the trees, everything is reborn and should we alone be unchanged?".

BLESSED ADELE DE BATZ

