

Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)

The LSAP a 7 year commitment to achieve sustainability, but it is meant to live long after 2028.

Purpose: All 7 sectors of the Catholic World to attain sustainability in the spirit of Integral Ecology as framed by the 7 Laudato Si' Goals in 7 years.

7 Sectors: Families, Dioceses & Parishes, Educational Institutions, Hospitals & Healthcare Centers, Organizations and Groups, Economy (Businesses and Agriculture), Religious Orders

7 LSGs: Responding to the cry of Earth, Responding to the cry of the poor, Building ecological economies, Adopting simple lifestyles, Creating ecological education, Recovering ecological spirituality, Promoting community action and advocacy.

Seven sectors of the church are asked to achieve those goals within a seven-year timeframe.

The goals include:

Adopting renewable energy;

Achieving carbon neutrality;

Defending all life;

Solidarity with Indigenous peoples and vulnerable groups;

Adopting simpler lifestyles;

Fostering ecological education and spirituality;

Advocating for sustainable development;

Following ethical investment guidelines, including divestment from fossil fuels and other industries that harm the planet.

The platform includes goals for families, parishes and dioceses, schools and universities, businesses and farms, religious congregations, and hospitals and other health care facilities.

Creators of the action platform would like to see the number of participating institutions double each year. Salesian Fr. Joshtrom Kureethadam, head of the dicastery's ecology and creation sector, said sociologists believe it takes just 3.5% of a group to reach the critical mass necessary to create lasting change.

"That's what Mahatma Gandhi did, that's what Nelson Mandela did, and we hope under the leadership of Pope Francis, within a few years in this critical decade, we can reach the critical mass," he said.

A number of the church's largest and most visible organizations are involved in working groups that are adapting the action platform goals for the various church sectors. They include Caritas Internationalis; bishops' conferences; the major umbrella groups of women and men religious; regional ecclesial networks in the Amazon Basin, Central America, Africa, and Asia and Oceania; and other institutions like CIDSE, Catholic Health Association USA and the Global Catholic Climate Movement.