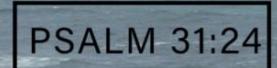
# BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART, ALL YOU WHO HOPE IN THE LORD...





Prayer – change our hearts
Education – change our minds
Sustainability – change our habits
Advocacy – change our culture

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## St. John Neumann - A Laudato Si Parish



# What is the Laudato Si' Action Platform?

- The LSAP is a collaboration between the Vatican, an international coalition of Catholic organizations, and "all men and women of good will".
- It empowers 'decisive action, here and now' on the way to adopting **full sustainability** in the spirit of *integral ecology*.
- Integral ecology emphasizes the deep connections between our relationships with each other, our Creator, and all creation.





## ---- 7 Goals of LSAP ----

# ---- 7 Sectors of LSAP ----

- 1. Families
- 2. Parishes and Dioceses
- 3. Educational Institutions (Schools, Universities, etc.)
- 4. Hospitals / Health Centers
- 5. Economic Entities (Businesses, Cooperatives, Farms)
- 6. Organizations (NGOs, Groups, Foundations, etc.)
- 7. Religious Communities (Communities, Provinces, Congregations)



# --- 7-Year Timeline ----

Year 1

**Enroll on Vatican website** 

Learn, read, reflect

Write and submit a Reflection Document

**Develop and Submit an Action Plan for first year** 

Years 2-6

Put action plan into motion

Submit Annual Self Assessment

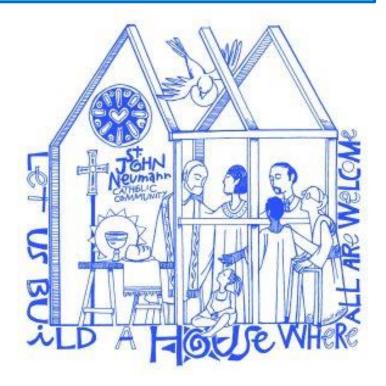
Prepare subsequent yearly action plan

Year 7 - Celebrate!

Note that the Diocese of Arlington has also enrolled and submitted their reflection document and Action Plan for Year 1

#### SJN PASTORAL PLAN 2021-2024

Formation / FORMACIÓN Community / COMUNIDAD Adoration / ADORACIÓN Service / SERVICIO Stewardship / ADMINISTRACIÓN



### STEWARDSHIP OBJECTIVES

**2021-2022**: To embrace Pope Francis' seven-year *Laudato Si' Action Plans* by developing a multiyear approach to increase sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology.

**2022-2023**: To implement St John Neumann's year one objectives in response to the *Laudato Si' Action Plans*.

**2023-2024**: To Implement St John Neumann's year two objectives in response to the *Laudato Si' Action Plans*.

# Parish Plan Goals Align with LSAP Goals

• Care for Our Common Home activities

- ✓ Energy efficiency (LED lighting, motion detectors, motor upgrades)
- ✓ Waste reduction (elimination of Styrofoam, use of "real" dishes/cups/cutlery)
- ✓ Outdoor spaces (pollinator garden, prayer loop)
- ✓ Prayer (prayers of the faithful, outdoor prayer services)
- ✓ Education (bulletin tips, movies, lectures)
- ✓ Simple and sustainable lifestyles (Fair Trade bazaar)
- ✓ Connecting with youth groups (Work camp, boy scouts)
- Parish Ministry Guide lists all of the ministries at SJN
- Parish Pastoral Plan lists goals and objectives 2022-2024
- Working towards the Laudato Si' Goals is not so much a change of direction as it is a deepening of purpose

### **Reflection Document Shows Linkages Between Pastoral Plan and LS Goals**

#### Pastoral Plan Pathways

Service Responding to the call to be a people of mercy and justice, we commit to incorporating Catholic Social Teaching as a living part of our faith and service.

Worship Acknowledging that the hearth of parish life is the celebration of the Eucharist, we commit to engaging all parishioners to fully participate in worship.

Formation Recognizing each person's call to be a disciple of Christ, we commit to fostering lifelong engagement and formation through all stages of life

Stewardship Answering the call to be good stewards of parish facilities, finances, and human resources, we commit to empowering all to use their gifts and skills.

**Community** Living up to our faith and parish motto "All Are Welcome" we seek to create a more inclusive community where all feel welcome.

#### Laudato Si' Goals

Response to the Cry of the Earth A call to protect our common home for the well being of all, addressing climate change, biodiversity loss, and sustainability.

Response to the Cry of the Poor A call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth.

Ecological Economics Acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere of our common home.

Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles Grounded in the idea of sufficiency and promoting sobriety in the use of resources and energy.

Ecological Education Rethinking and redsigning curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and transformation action.

Ecological Spirituality Springs from a profound ecological conversion and helps us to "discover God in all things", both in the beauty of creation and the sighs of the afflicted.

Community Resilience/Empowerment A synodal journey of community engagement and partipatory action at various levels.



**STEWARDSHIP Mardi Gras dishwashing reduces** single use plastics and paper product waste



COMMUNITY SJN coordinated with Starkist Tuna and the Feed the Children Program to prepare summer relief packages



WORSHIP Prayer and nature walks to learn about and appreciate God's creation



FORMATION *Rooted* program encourages seeing the connections between the active and spiritual life



SERVICE Many parish ministries promote Catholic Social Teaching

### Excerpt of SJN Laudato Si' Action Plan

St. John Neumann Parish				
LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN				
Year 1				
Reston, Virginia, USA				
RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EAR	<b>TH</b> is a call to prote	ect our comm	on home f	or the wellbeing of all,
as we equitably address the climate				
	Suggested			
Action	Leaders	Status	Timing	Metric of Success
<b>Investigate</b> and refine current purchase of renewable energy certificates from Dominion Energy to ensure best fit for the parish's energy usage.	STEWARDSHIP Dave/Tom B/Ed	On-going Action and Investigation	Annually	Determine if current plan is best; modify Dominion agreement if warranted
<b>Complete</b> mulching of final segment of Prayer Loop.	STEWARDSHIP Nelson/CCH	On-going Action	Fall 2022	Path completed
<b>Organize</b> a "Weeding Ministry" that will take on future maintenance of Mary Garden, pollinator garden and other parts of Parish Grounds.	STEWARDSHIP Nelson/Ed/ Bob H/Patty K	New Investigation	Spring 2023	Create a list of potential volunteers
<b>Investigate</b> pros and cons of using a landscape contractor that uses electric (instead of gas) leaf blowers. Learn how the landscaping contract is determined.	STEWARDSHIP CCH/Nelson/John M	New Investigation	Fall 2022	Summarize findings in Fact Sheet
<b>Gather information</b> and parent attitude for a No Idling Campaign for cars queueing up in front of church.	STEWARDSHIP CCH	New Investigation	2023/2024	Summarize findings in a Fact Sheet
Work with Eagle Scout to build a "Native Plant Mary Garden" in front of the church.	STEWARDSHIP Nelson/Ed/Eagle Scout	New Action	Spring 2023	Project completed

## What are we asking of the Pastoral Council?

- First we wanted to let you know of this activity, since it involved a very small group without extensive outreach to the parish community
- Over the next few months, we want to get your input on how to make parishioners aware of the LSAP
- We would like to involve the Pastoral Council in developing actions for years 2-6
- Care for our Common Home is ready to be the administrator of the LSAP in collaboration with all stakeholders

## "God has given your Parish unique gifts, which you alone can bring to our shared project of building a better future."

