



**SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE**  
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# Mission

- ❑ The SJN Care for Our Common Home (CCH) Ministry, guided by a rich tradition of Catholic social teaching, works to bring to life the message of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, in all relevant aspects of parish life, including worship, faith formation, social ministry, and facilities management.
- ❑ We will share Church teaching on care for creation, strive to reduce our carbon footprint as a parish, and provide resources and encouragement so that all parishioners can live in a more sustainable manner as faithful stewards of creation.
- ❑ In response to the Church's moral call for action, we seek to better understand the interconnectedness of all of God's creation and act in solidarity with vulnerable populations around the world and for future generations.

# Motivation

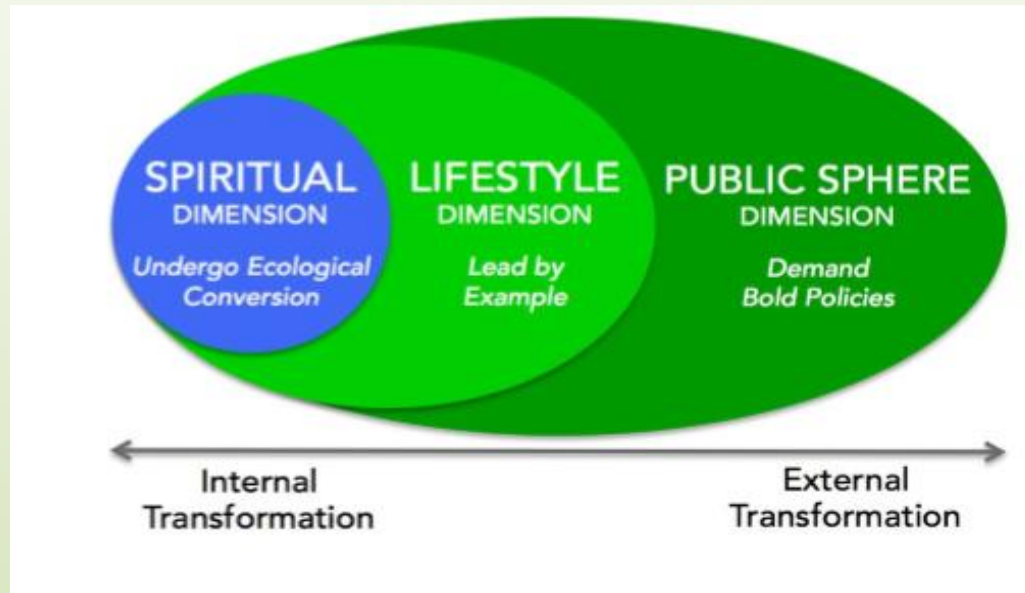
- Reflect and act on the Laudato Si' message
- Study Church teachings on the environment.
- Live more simply.
- Be more mindful in our choices and behaviors.
- Prayerfully contemplate a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation.
- Advocate for policies that will protect the earth, our common home, and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

## LAUDATO SI'

ON THE CARE OF  
OUR COMMON HOME



# Transformation



- Prayer – changing our hearts
- Education – changing our understanding
- Sustainability – changing our habits
- Advocacy – changing our culture

# CCH Prayer at SJN

## Prayer Service for Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Come Celebrate!  
St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day  
Patron Saint of Ecology



Photo Credit: Ed Sabo  
Wall Mural at the Center for Action and Contemplation  
Albuquerque, NM; May 2016

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7 pm  
in the DeSales Chapel

Sing, pray, learn and talk about:  
Pope Francis' new 8<sup>th</sup> Work of Mercy  
"Care for our Common Home"

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Prayer and  
Laudato Si'  
Reflections  
with  
Fr. Jacek  
Orzechowski,  
OFM

Earth  
Day  
Prayer  
Service  
2017



Outdoor Prayer Walk  
2017 World Day of Prayer  
for the Care of Creation

# CCH Education at SJN

## Laudato Si' Presentation By Catholic Climate Covenant



## Religious Education Lenten Carbon Footprint Activities

## Bag It Movie Presentation Is Your Life Too Plastic?



Understanding Laudato Si  
EP01: "Models of Creation"



Understanding Laudato Si EP  
02: "Situating Laudato Si"

## Fr. Dan Horan's 7-Week Laudato Si' Video Series

# CCH Sustainability at SJN

## Energy Efficiency



## Roadside Cleanup – Lawyers to Soapstone Rds

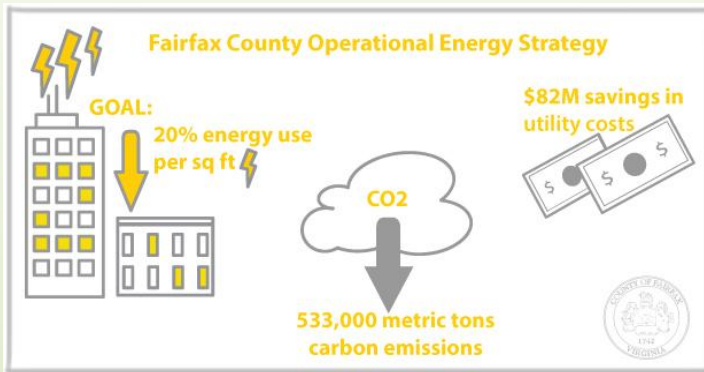


## Fair Trade Bazaar



## Washing Dishes at Soup Suppers and Hypothermia Dinners

# CCH Advocacy at SJN



Advocating for Policies to Cut Energy Use in Fairfax County

Meeting with Rep. Comstock's Staff about Climate Solutions Caucus



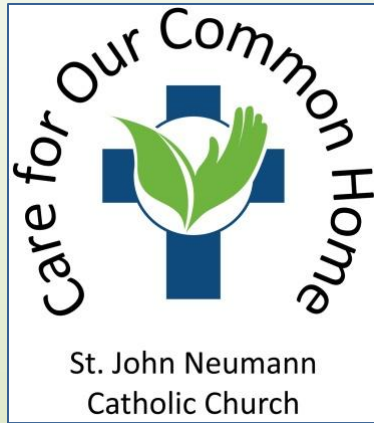
Meeting with Sen. Warner's Staff about Clean Power Plan

2017 Climate March in DC





# Connecting with Faith Groups



**GLOBAL CATHOLIC  
CLIMATE MOVEMENT**



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**



**Catholic Energies**  
Conserve, Educate, Inspire



**Faith Alliance  
for Climate Solutions**



DC.MD.NoVA

**INTERFAITH  
& Power  
& Light**

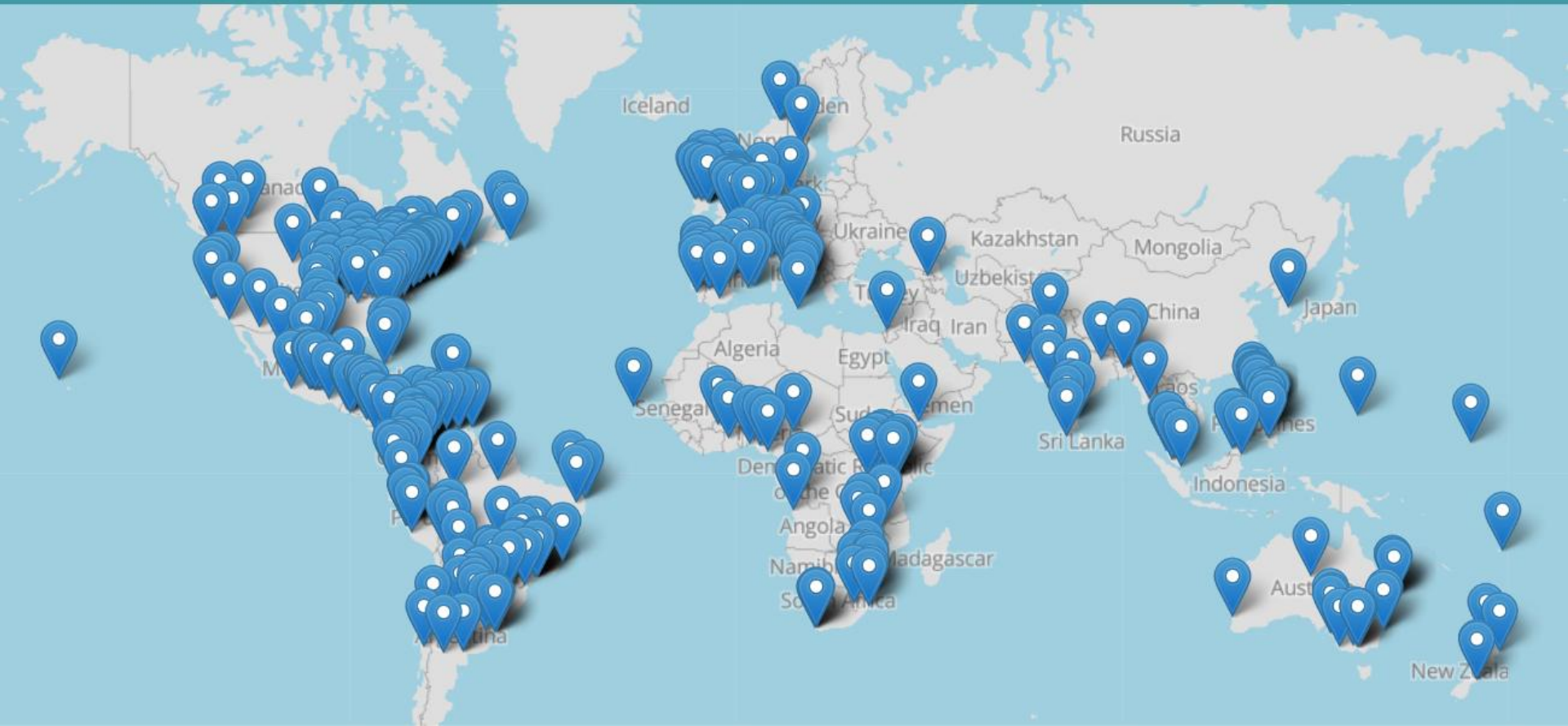
Our religious response to climate change.

**Care for Creation  
Network  
Catholic Diocese  
of Arlington**



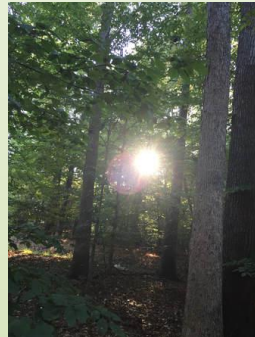
**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

# 100s of Events Around the World



# Involving SJN Youth

Elementary School -  
Writing Laudato Si' Letters  
to Pope Francis



Middle and High School  
Photo Contest  
Seeing God in Nature



Eagle Scout  
Pollinator  
Garden  
Project