



DICASTERO PER IL SERVIZIO
DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE

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Your Eminence, Your Excellency,
Most Reverend Mother, Most Reverend Father,
Esteemed Heads of Episcopal Commissions, Religious Congregations,
Esteemed Parents and Community Leaders,
Esteemed Teachers and Managers in the education and associative sector,
Esteemed Leaders in healthcare, business and agriculture,
Esteemed Leaders of groups, movements and organizations,
Dear Sister, dear Brother,
Friends in Christ

The Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year concluded on 24 May 2021. I would like to thank you for taking part and responding to the Holy Father's invitation to all people of good will to take care of our common home, and all our brothers and sisters, especially those most vulnerable and marginalised.

On 25 May 2021, at the close of the *Laudato Si'* Special Anniversary Year, Pope Francis gifted us the **Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)**, a seven-year journey of ecological conversion in action (<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>). We are invited to embark on this journey together, namely with the **seven sectors** of: **families; parishes and dioceses; educational institutions** (schools and universities et.al), **hospitals and healthcare centres; economy** (businesses, cooperatives, farms et.al); **organizations and groups** (ecological communities, movements, NGOs, communication centres, foundations et.al); **religious orders** (communities, provinces, orders). The seven-year journey of the LSAP is inspired by the integral ecological vision of the encyclical and is guided by the seven **Laudato Si' Goals**: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Ecological Economics, Simple Lifestyles, Ecological Education, Ecological Spirituality and Community Engagement with Participatory Action.

The LSAP envisages an ongoing and shared journey with the goal of growing exponentially over the coming years of this crucial decade. The platform hopes to create a peoples' movement from below to contribute to the critical mass needed for radical societal transformation. As Pope Francis reminds us, "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (*Laudato Si'*, 14)



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On behalf of Pope Francis, and in the name of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, I would like to cordially invite you and your communities to join the Laudato Si' Action Platform. The platform will create a space for the universal Church - and beyond - to respond to the global emergency we are facing. Through it we can learn and grow together as we take decisive action to build a better future in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*. This is all the more urgent given the latest IPCC Report in August which issued a "Code Red" warning for all humanity.

On **4 October**, the feast of St Francis of Assisi - the saintly patron of ecology, we will begin a 40-days LSAP prayer and promotion campaign. I am happy to announce that the enrolment of participants in the platform will begin on **14 November 2021 - the Global Day of Prayer for the Poor**. I warmly invite all of you to join the LSAP and actively promote it.

We have been truly inspired to see the many beautiful initiatives which continue to spring up around the world, in response to Pope Francis' invitation. The LSAP offers both an opportunity to celebrate and develop these existing efforts whilst also inspiring and supporting communities to begin the journey towards integral ecology.

May God bless all our humble efforts for the care of our common home and the most vulnerable members of our common household, and we take the occasion to confirm our closeness and availability,

Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson
Prefect

To the courteous attention of regional and national Episcopal Conferences, Episcopal Commissions, Apostolic Nunciature, Religious Congregations, Caritas, Catholic Schools and Universities, Catholic Hospitals and Health Care Networks, Unions of Catholic Entrepreneurs and Farmers, Leaders of Movements, Groups and Organizations, Communications Centres, projects that identify with integral ecology as promoted by the encyclical *Laudato si'*.