

## PROVINCE GOAL 1

*For all sisters in the province to achieve living a simpler lifestyle that measures a zero-carbon footprint by the year 2030.*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2022** Survey all local communities to determine what ecological lifestyle habits have been incorporated into our daily living
- **2022** All houses of the province serve at least one meatless meal
- **2022** All houses recycle aluminum, #1 and #2 plastics, and paper
- **2023** All houses of the province serve at least two meatless meals weekly

## PROVINCE GOAL 2

*For all sisters in the province who are able to achieve a conversational level of knowledge of ecology by the year 2030*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2022** Use Newslinks to keep sisters aware of environmentally friendly practices and the activity of the chapter committee



## PROVINCE GOAL 3

*For the province to habitually engage in prayer centered in ecological spirituality by the year 2030*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2023** Provide an event or two on eco-spirituality for the province through collaboration of the interprovincial committees of Interreligious Dialogue and Ecology
- **2023** Use NewsLinks to offer ideas for incorporating eco-spirituality into common and personal prayer and into daily living choices

## PROVINCE GOAL 4

*For the province, through its members and its collective action, to be active in the local communities where we live in encouraging action toward addressing climate change by the year 2030*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2024** Use NewsLinks to encourage sisters to become involved in collaborative efforts to address climate change
- **2024** Use NewsLinks to report what is being done by various local groups to address climate change

## PROVINCE GOAL 5

*For the province to achieve carbon-neutrality in its energy use by the year 2030.*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2022** Learn which of the province's rented or owned buildings already use electricity from a clean-energy source
- **2023** Switch to clean energy as the supplier of electricity in all houses in which the province pays the electric bill
- **2025** Replace the province's fleet of cars with electric cars
- **2025** Install at least three charging stations on Sisters of Charity property



## PROVINCE GOAL 6

*For the province to commit land and engage in at least three long-term actions using that land to promote biodiversity by the year 2030.*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2022** Create an on-going hardwood native tree planting program on the Sisters of Charity property. Continue this program for at least seven years
- **2023** Select land area on property owned by the Province and convert it back to its natural habitat
- **2023** Become certified as a backyard habitat for wildlife
- **2023** Explore and adopt the use of non-chemical alternatives on lawns or gardens of any of our owned or rented spaces

## PROVINCE GOAL 7

*For the province to directly engage in at least five long-term actions that effectively promote social justice by the year 2030.*

Proposed actions for the Province in the next seven years:

- **2023** Acknowledge with gratitude and respect the First Nation Peoples who lived in the region in which our land is situated
- **2024** Publicly apologize for any way in which our ancestors treated the First Nation Peoples unjustly
- **2025** Work to remedy any way in which society is treating First Nation peoples unjustly today

# LAUDATO SÍ GOALS

## RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

*is a call to protect our common home for the well-being of all.*

## RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

*is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life, and all forms of life on the Earth.*

## ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

*sees the economy as a subsystem of our society which is embedded in the biosphere of our common home.*

## ADOPTION OF A SIMPLE OR SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

*is grounded in the idea of sufficiency with wise and equitable use of resources.*

## ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

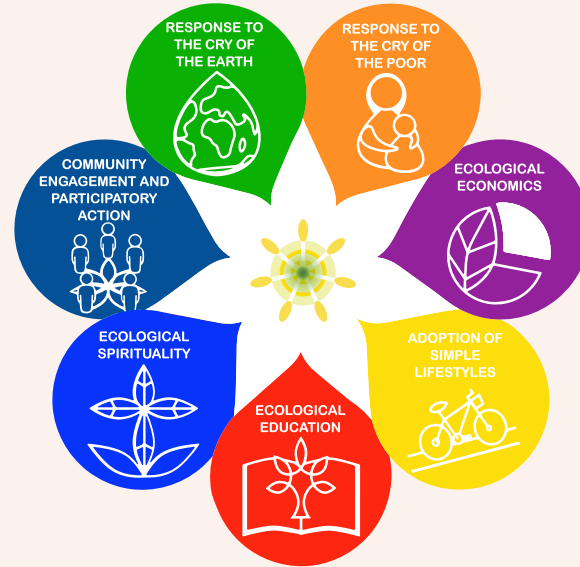
*requires a redesign of curricula and institutional understanding that fosters ecological awareness and transformation in the spirit of integral ecology.*

## ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

*enables us to discover God both in the beauty of creation and in the pain of the sick and afflicted.*

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

*calls for synodal community engagement and participatory actions.*



“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”

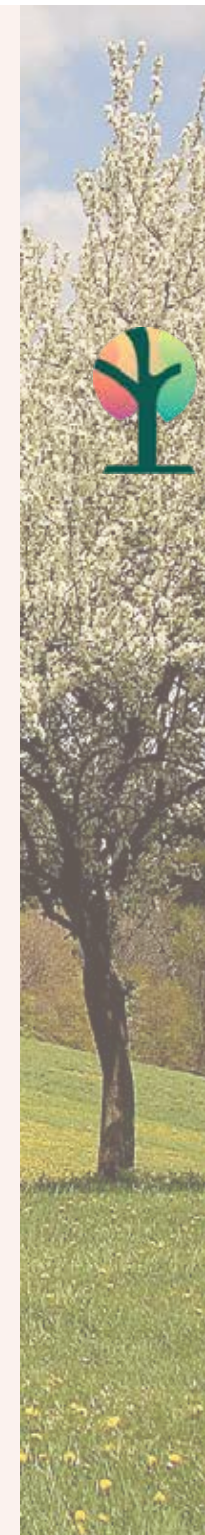
– Pope Francis,  
ENCYCLICAL LETTER LAUDATO SÍ  
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill pledged to act on Laudato Sí Action Platform goals beginning 2021. This plan is organic in that changes will be made as life presents new opportunities.

## TIMELINE

- 2015 Pope Francis Encyclical, Laudato Sí published
- 2021 Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill sign Laudato Sí Commitment, *November 14, 2021*
- 2021 Laudato Sí Committee formed
- 2022 Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, U.S. Province, Action Plan approved by the Provincial Council
- 2022 Celebration of the Action Platform Commitment with Seton Hill University
- 2022 100 Trees planted on Sisters of Charity property
- 2022 Rededication of Peace Garden
- 2022 ‘Local Communities’ Annual Action Plan for Simple Living created

*The province’s Laudato Sí Action Plan will be reviewed and revised annually as necessary.*



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