

# Care for Creation: Continuum of Action

Awareness	Involvement	Leadership
Read Pope Francis' encyclical <i>Laudato Si'</i> : On Care for our Common Home.	Share your thoughts on the encyclical with a friend.	Organize a <i>Laudato Si'</i> study group at your parish.
Watch a film or attend an event about an environmental issue that speaks to you.	Reflect and discuss your feelings, questions and hopes for our Earth that the film or speaker engenders in you.	Invite a speaker from the A New Solidarity With Creation Speaker's Bureau or organize an environmental film screening at your parish. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ipjc.org/programs/a-new-solidarity-with-creation">www.ipjc.org/programs/a-new-solidarity-with-creation</a> .
Calculate your carbon footprint using an online calculator, such as <a href="https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/">https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/</a> .	Take two or three steps suggested by the calculator to lower your carbon footprint, and discover your savings in carbon emissions and dollars.	Encourage the decision makers at your church or place of work to perform an environmental audit of facilities.
Discover the connection between livestock production and environmental damage.	Go meatless at least one day per week.	Suggest vegetarian or vegan options at potlucks, family gatherings or other communal meals, and share your reasons why.
Research how people experiencing poverty in your community are disproportionately affected by environmental degradation.	Connect with local community groups working on the impact of environmental damage on people experiencing poverty in your area.	Organize an action to address these effects, such as a habitat cleanup effort.
Consider how lack of care for the Earth connects with the plight of immigrants and refugees.	Write or call your elected representatives regarding legislation that will protect both planet and people.	Invite others to join in your advocacy efforts. Start a letter-writing campaign.
Sign up for action alerts and email newsletters from organizations working on legislative advocacy, such as Catholic Climate Covenant and Earth Ministry.	Take action to communicate with lawmakers and share your advocacy on social media.	Organize a Care for Creation committee at your church and involve them in these action alerts.
Attend a "Season of Creation" Event at a local parish. See a list of planned events between September 1st and October 4th at: <a href="http://www.ipjc.org/programs/a-new-solidarity-with-creation">www.ipjc.org/programs/a-new-solidarity-with-creation</a> .	Organize a delegation from your parish to attend the annual Season of Creation Mass at St. James Cathedral on Saturday, September 22nd.	Plan a Season of Creation event at your parish. For resources, contact the <i>Laudato Si'</i> Leadership Team at <a href="mailto:ipjc@ipjc.org">ipjc@ipjc.org</a> .

