

# Catholic Climate Covenant and the Laudato Si' Movement: Similarities, Differences, and How You Can Engage With Us

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**MOVEMENT** formerly  
Global Catholic  
Climate Movement

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## Friday - Groups & Organizations

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Triune God, help our movements, NGOs, communication centres, and all groups that work for the common good, to develop a *spirituality* of global solidarity which flows from the mystery of who you are, an interconnected community of love.



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## An Introduction to Catholic Climate Covenant and Laudato Si' Movement

- History
- Mission
- Partners
- Constituency



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# Catholic Climate Covenant

Who We Are  
&  
What We Do



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# Catholic Climate Covenant

*Catholic Climate Covenant inspires and equips people and institutions to care for creation and care for the poor. Through our 20 national partners, we guide the U.S. Church's response to climate change by educating, giving public witness, and offering resources.*

**Founded in 2006 with US Catholic Bishop support**

**A Network of 20 National Catholic Partners**

**Key Activities: Advocacy, Organizing, Education**

**Goal: To share authentic Catholic teaching:  
Care for Creation and Care for the Poor**

**Build a network for action**



# Catholic Climate Covenant

Francis Pledge: 30,000 in database

**Lead agent for roll-out of *Laudato Si'* in U.S.**

800 Catholic institutions sign *Catholic Climate Declaration* and  
*Catholics Are Still In* including 51 Arch/Dioceses  
(Currently working on a petition asking Congress and the Administration  
to enact bold policies to address climate)

**Laudato Si and the US Catholic Church Conferences**

Catholic Energies Project Management Service

**The HUB for US Catholic Activity for  
Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform**

Loads of Creation Care Resources



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## Laudato Si' Movement Major Programs and Initiatives: Angelica Gonzalez-Apple

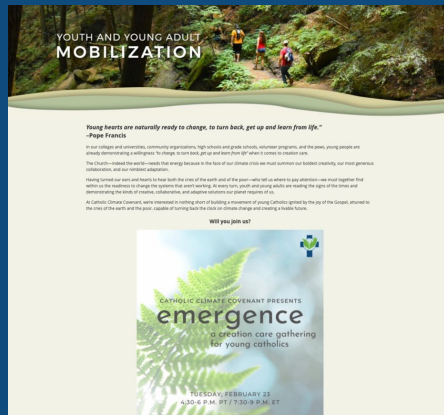
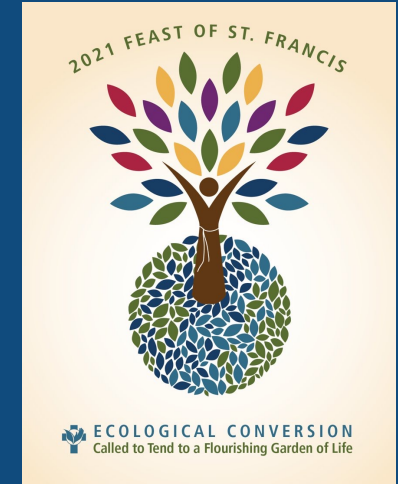
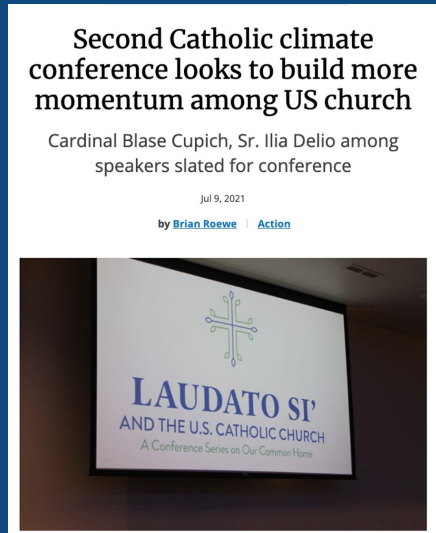


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## Catholic Climate Covenant Major Programs and Initiatives



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## Covenant Resources:

- [Homily Helps](#)
- [Bulletin Blurbs](#)
- [Laudato Si' Resources](#)
- [Creation Care](#)
- [Teachings](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Reduce Carbon Footprint](#)
- [Prayers and Worship](#)

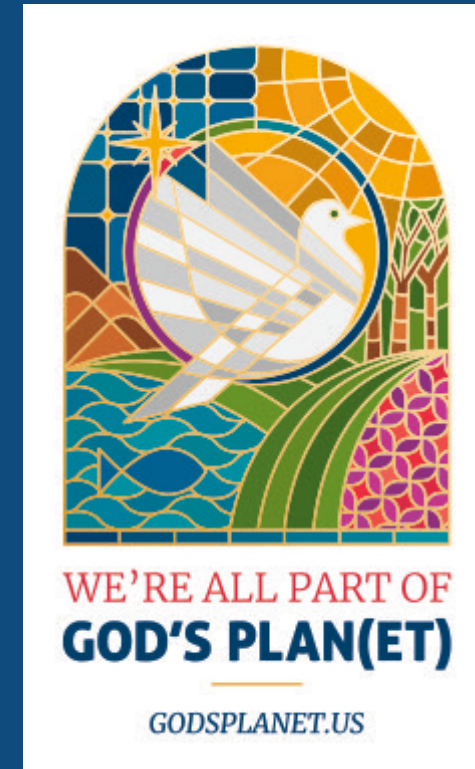
## Covenant Programs:

- [Advocacy](#)
- [Catholic Climate Ambassadors](#)
- [Catholic Energies](#)
- [Creation Care Teams](#)
- [Earth Day](#)
- [Feast of St. Francis](#)
- [St. Francis Pledge](#)
- [Youth and Young Adult Mobilization](#)

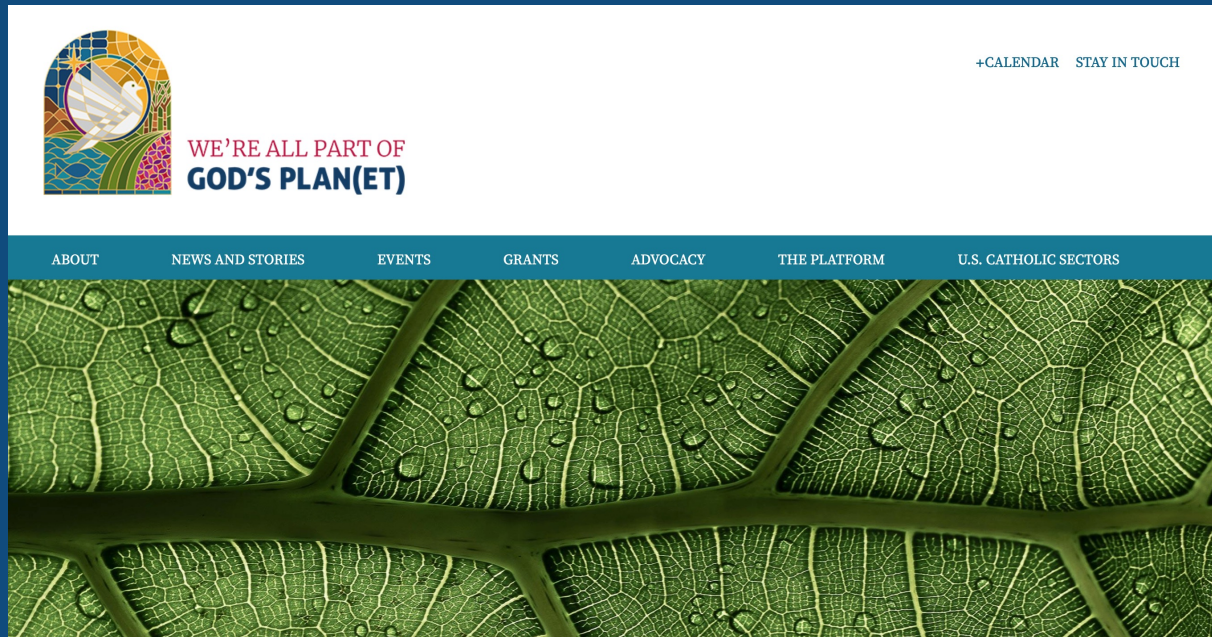
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## Catholic Climate Covenant and the Laudato Si' Action Platform

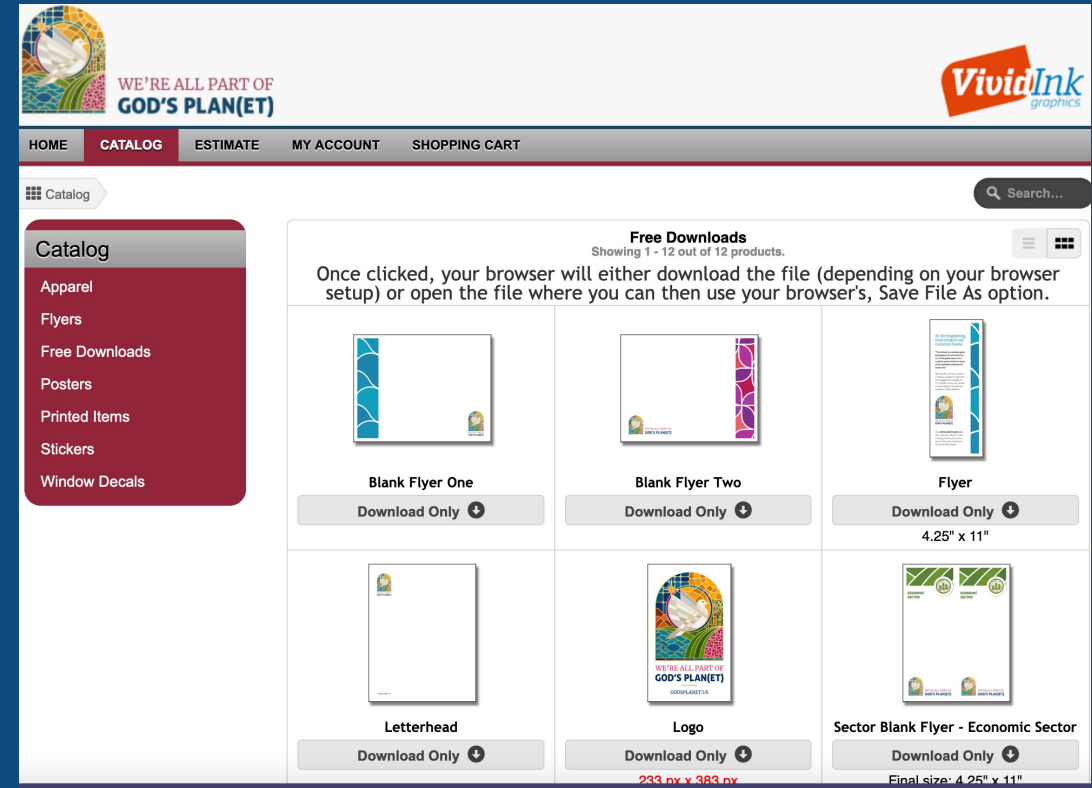
- CCC is U.S. “HUB” for LSAP (Vatican website: [Laudatosi.org](https://laudatosi.org))
- CCC Partners involved with all LSAP sectors and are the US “Leads/Reps” to Vatican Working Groups
- CCC staff on Parishes and Dioceses Working Group
- We’re All Part of God’s Plan(et) Campaign and Website: US focused website: <https://godsplanet.us/>



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<https://godsplanet.us/>



<https://logic.vivid-think.com/catalog/>

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Examples of local action:

Laudato Si' Animator and CCT Leader



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EcoPhilly



EcoPhilly

[ecophilly.org](http://ecophilly.org)



# Petition to Archbishop Nelson Pérez to Prioritize Creation Care in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

August 6, 2020  
Feast of the Transfiguration

Dear Archbishop Pérez:

It is five years since the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical [Laudato Si'](#), a response to the anguished cry of the earth and of the poor. In that time, the environmental deterioration of this planet has not abated; it has only worsened.

We, the undersigned, are concerned for the care of our common home. We wish to respond to the Holy Father's call for "a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet" in light of the fact that "everyone's talents and involvement" -- yours as archbishop, as well as ours -- "are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation."

The impetus for our writing to you was the fact that there is no office or organization within this Archdiocese dedicated to addressing this most pressing issue. We fear that our collective archdiocesan response thus far may corroborate the Holy Father's sobering assessment when he writes: "Many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions." We take this as a prophetic call to each of our consciences.

As you begin to plan your pastoral ministry to the Catholic community in Philadelphia, we know how vast a responsibility you face -- particularly in times of pandemic -- and we are very eager to support and collaborate with you on the work of what St. John Paul II called "ecological conversion."

Concretely, we seek an audience with you in which to discuss the following objectives:

- 1) To establish an office within the Archdiocese dedicated to creation care.
- 2) To inspire our priests, deacons, religious, and lay leaders to spread the Church's magisterial teachings on the environment, galvanizing all parishioners to take personal and local action.
- 3) To use your own national spotlight and position of power to raise the ecological crisis in the awareness of your brother bishops and of the whole church in the United States, as well as to make a pastoral priority of interfaith and political cooperation on local Green New Deal legislation, in line with the Church's teaching.

We have been heartened by your obvious expressions of genuine pastoral sensitivity throughout your priestly and episcopal ministry and feel confident that your love for the people of this city will extend to them in this particularly critical area of need.

We are motivated above all by heartfelt concern and anguish for our children and grandchildren and for the world they will inherit. We are fearful on behalf of the poor and disinherited; we are grieving the loss of the beauty and biodiversity of our planet and its fragile web of life. We earnestly implore you to see all pastoral planning and catechetical teaching in this Archdiocese through the lens of the possibility that a sustainable future is simply not assured without immediate and intensive action in which faith communities must play a part.

We speak to you as a faithful people, who are courageous and motivated but also significantly vulnerable and afraid; we often feel like "sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36) as we confront "the griefs and anxieties of our age" ([Gaudium et Spes](#) 1), and for this reason we are truly grateful for your pastoral care and attention.

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

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John Humphreys, [BSc](#), [MSc](#), [Laudato Si'](#) Animator, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (Doylestown)

and the undersigned





# Creation Care in the Greater Philadelphia Area

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[What is Laudato Si'?](#)

[Official Launch of EcoPhilly: learn the background here! And on YouTube!](#)

[Let's prove that Catholics \*do\* care: sign the 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' petition](#)

[The Laudato Si' Action Platform: what is it?](#)

## *Our Mission:*


As part of the Laudato Si' Movement, our mission is to establish a network of creation care teams throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that achieve measurable improvements in their local environment.

*"Please engage with these efforts to care for God's creation."*

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.



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  - ▶ Learning from one another
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- ▶ Finding international inspiration
- ▶ Providing training support / motivation
- ▶ Connecting our activism w/ the Vatican

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action:  
CCT Leader



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Date: Oct 20, 2021

Catholic Climate Covenant &  
Laudato Si' Movement Webinar

*How the CCC supports CCTs*

*Panelist: Marilyn Kott*

# Briefly: Marilyn Kott



Creation Care Ministry Leader  
(Redlands, Calif)

- Cradle Catholic, who loves the saints, and learning about the Church (history, traditions, and our universality)
- Wife, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Godmother
- 26+ Year veteran of the US Air Force
  - pilot, staff officer, commander
- 3+ Years with Maryknoll Lay Missioners in São Paulo, Brazil (prison & homeless ministry)
- Mass is my favorite form of worship
- Works of Mercy are my next favorite
- Hobbies: Walking/hiking, gardening, writing, churches, learning about plants and critters
- Recommending: Lincoln (the Spielberg movie)

# Briefly: our ministry group...



Creation Care Ministry Lenten project  
(Redlands, Calif)

Most important: Connecting our Catholic Faith with the need to Care for the Environment (Liturgy, bulletins, ministry presence in the life of the church)

- 2 ½ Years Old (began with Bulletin inserts)
- Forming during the COVID lockdown
- Moved to Zoom & Flocknote, Website
- After COVID restrictions eased, we started to add activities parishioners could join
- 3 Ministry Meetings per month
  - Faith Share, Ministry Business, “Hands on”
- 3 groups we hope to influence:
  - Parishioners
  - Parish staff
  - Ministry groups



*Cactus wren says, “thanks for working to restore my habitat!”*

# Catholic Climate Covenant and Creation Care in Redlands, CA

## How do CCC resources help our ministry?

- Got us started!! Creation Care as a Catholic ministry
- US focused resources help us to speak to American (suburban) churches and parishioners in the way that is best understood
- Depth of resources and helps available
- Tangible resources – toolkits, prayer cards, grant money, ideas of what other CCTs are doing
- Networking – contacting other CCTs



# Laudato Si' Movement and Creation Care in Redlands, CA

## How do LSM resources help our ministry?

- Prayer and reflections: Spirituality of other English speakers across the world is fascinating and inspiring
  - June 2020 closing reflection by Ernest Gibson (Fiji)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3Z5gnSjacA&t=5s>
- Learning of concrete actions in other countries helps keep us hopeful
  - May 2021 Webinar/podcast on divestment (esp in the British Isles) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KsYhbJzZiA>
- Seeing other initiatives and actions helps keep us from “navel gazing” and seeing only the US problems and efforts

# Our suggestions

1. Start by reading Laudato Si' and praying together. Pray pray pray!
2. Help your parish connect the need to Care for Creation to our Catholic faith
3. Be grateful, be patient, be hopeful
4. Network outside your parish, and don't get discouraged



*God saw everything that He had made,  
and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31.*

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## Examples of local action: Laudato Si' Animator



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## Similarities, differences, overlaps, complementary work?



# Questions ?



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and [www.Godsplanet.us](http://www.Godsplanet.us)

Laudato Si' Movement:

<https://laudatosimovement.org/>