



# PRAYERFUL PARTNERSHIP OF CREATION CARE TEAMS

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## **Most Reverend Bishop Peter Jugis,**

We are faithful members of the Diocese of Charlotte and members of a dynamic regional team called the Prayerful Partnership of Creation Care Teams who are dedicated to the Social Justice teachings of the church, including care of Creation.

There are so many things we love about the Charlotte Diocese. The parishes draw us closer to God and the priests preach inspiring messages concerning Social Justice. We also love our memberships in the Peace and Justice Groups and there is a 50 year legacy of leadership in our diocese. We also love the Spirit moving in our parishes that inspire us to respond to the needs of the community at both the local and global level.

However, today we would like to bring to your attention a matter that is weighing on our hearts. We would like to invite the entire Charlotte Diocese to participate more fully in the global climate justice movement that is the Laudato Si' Action Platform (Click [LINK](#) for more information). We are a group of talented and prayerful people who would love to meet with you and other leaders at the Diocese to help formulate a plan to address the seven goals of the Platform (Click [LINK](#) to see 7 Goals). These goals will require us to take a village approach, but we are committing our time, talent, and resources to help teach, advocate, promote and coordinate with those dedicated to this work at the Diocese level.

We hope this will be the first step of many and the urgency of this human crisis has never been clearer. The world cannot avoid some devastating impacts of climate change but there is still a narrow window of hope that we can address the cry of the earth and the poor.



We believe that this is where the Spirit is working to bring life from death and as Catholics, we see this as a Pro-Life issue. We want to exercise our ecological conscience and live out our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching in partnership with the leaders at the Diocese. In return contributing to the Laudato Si' Action Platform will continue to align the Diocese with the Vatican, educate and inform the faithful, reduce our carbon footprint and send a message to the youth of our Diocese that we care about their future.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and pray for your health and happiness.

### **Abundant Blessings,**

#### **Prayerful Partnerships of Creation Care Teams – Regional Group**

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**Stephen Thomas, Co-chair, Care of Creation Ministry, St Eugene, Asheville**

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**Janet Zaccarelli, Peace and Justice Group Leader, St. Therese, Mooresville**

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