

As in the words of Pope Francis, *ecological conversion can inspire us to greater creativity and enthusiasm*. In this spirit we, as members of *Solidarity with South Sudan (SwSS)*:

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have come on how best we can personally and collectively respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor that would frame a Laudato Si' Action Plan.

We have organized our LS' Team and we aim to communicate among ourselves about our efforts, challenges, achievements and coordinate in what is needed.

This General Action Plan is going to be sent by Fr Jim to all our Institutions, and each of them are going to send back a specific Action Plan for a year, within two months from now.

The seven goals provide guidance on urgent and immediate actions each one of us can take in the care of our common home. *"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"* LS'14.

Our SwSS Action Plan, based on the 7 Laudato Si' Goals, reflects our commitment to the whole of creation.



Goal 1

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

GOAL:

The response to the Cry of the Earth is a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability. *Actions could include the adoption of renewable energies and energy sufficiency measures, achieving carbon neutrality, protecting biodiversity, promoting sustainable agriculture and guaranteeing access to lean water for all.*

STRATEGY:

Implement a plan that impels us to protect our Mother Earth.

ACTIONS:

- Planting trees: this first year we agree to planting trees. According our possibilities different kinds of trees, – in all the SSS institutions.
- We will promote this activity with our neighbors too within this period.



Goal 2

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

GOAL:

The response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote ecological justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death and all forms of life on Earth. *Actions could include projects to promote solidarity with special attention given to the vulnerable groups, such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants and children at risk, analysis and improvement of social systems and social service programmes.*

STRATEGY:

Adopt a collective plan that addresses that all may have life in fullness.

ACTIONS:

- Giving opportunities for the students to interact and contact with the neighboring communities.
- Organizing workshops in our neighborhood especially with vulnerable people, schools, and parishes, community.



Goal 3

ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

GOAL:

Ecological Economics acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere—our common home. *Actions could include sustainable production and consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and any activity harmful to the planet and the people, supporting circular economies and prioritizing care labour and protecting the dignity of workers.*

STRATEGY:

Socially responsible investing as an ongoing reality.

ACTIONS:

- Educating our members and students to be simple in buying and consuming.
- Introducing ecofriendly life in purchasing.

- Organizing debates on the topics.
- People talks sessions.



Goal 4

ADOPTION OF SIMPLE LIFESTYLES

GOAL:

Adoption of Simple Lifestyles is grounded in the idea of sufficiency, and promoting sobriety (*moderation*) in the use of resources and energy. *Actions can include reducing waste and recycling, adopting sustainable walking, cycling) and avoiding single use items (e.g. plastic, etc.) dietary habits (opting for a more plant-based diet and reducing meat consumption), greater use of public transport, active mobility)*

STRATEGY:

Decrease resources consumption where we live and work, (*moderation*) in the use of resources and energy.

ACTIONS: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

- Promoting balance and plants (Vegetarian) base diet.
- Encouraging use of public transport.
- Decrease the use of personal vehicles (have a plan).
- Using reusable bags and avoiding the single use plastic bags in shopping.
- Collaborate with gardeners for sustainable gardening practices and careful use of resources, including the planting of drought-resistant trees and plants.



Goal 5

ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

GOAL:

Ecological Education is about rethinking and redesigning curricula and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology in order to foster ecological awareness and transformative action, promoting the ecological vocation of young people, teachers, and leaders in education. *Actions could include: ensuring equitable access to education for all and promoting human rights, fostering LS' themes within the community, encouraging ecological leadership (students, teachers) and ecological restoration activities.*

STRATEGY:

Education and action about global and local crisis on how to address.

ACTIONS:

- **imparting the knowledge of 'laudato si' through workshops and seminars.**

- **Placing printed banners and posters in our institution.**
- **building networks with other partners.**
- **working closely with the education department to apply the 'laudato si' principals that are already in the syllabus.**
- **Forming 'LAUDATO SI' club at schools around our institutions.**
- **Using available diocesan broadcasting for radio show.**
- **Educate to be responsible in using natural resources.**



Goal 6

ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

GOAL:

Ecological spirituality springs from a profound ecological conversion and helps us to “discover God in all things”, both in the beauty of creation and in the sigh of the sick and the groans of the afflicted, aware that the life of the spirit is not dissociated from worldly realities. *Actions could include: promoting creation-based liturgical celebration, developing ecological catechesis, retreats and formation programmes, etc.*

STRATEGY:

Ecological conversion through the action of prayer and contemplation that permeates and motivates all we say and do.

ACTIONS:

- **Organizing and promoting liturgical activities at Parish/Schools/universities.**
- **Introducing 'LAUDATO SI' prayers into our assemblies – especially during the season of creation (September to October 4th) and special dates.**
- **Commit to personally set aside time to walk, gaze, stare, be quiet in nature, recognizing and celebrating that *the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.***



Goal 7

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATORY ACTION

GOAL:

Envisage a synodal journey of community engagement and participatory action at various levels. *Actions could include promoting advocacy and developing people's*

campaigns, encouraging rootedness and a sense of belonging in local communities and neighborhood ecosystems.

STRATEGY:

Connections with diverse groups and organizations on water issues and planting trees.

ACTIONS:

- Building up dialogue with chief and elders to collaborate to build community.
- Reaching out local parish.
- Collaborate with county and state to bring awareness on what is earth and natural resources conservation and why it is necessary.
- Visiting other churches organizing common program to work together to preserve the mother earth.