

St Joseph's Primary School

Laudato Si' Action Plan 2022-2024



WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO WE WANT TO LEAVE TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US, TO CHILDREN WHO ARE GROWING UP NOW? #160

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 LIFE #217

THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Write a list of messages that you want to give to your community today to make it a better place to live in the future.

Draw a picture or create an infographic of all the ways that God's handiwork needs to be protected.

- Minimise use of single use plastic. [Wrapper Free Friday](#) - encourage children to bring a wrapper free snack to reduce waste in our planet.
- Discuss the positive effects of individuals coming together in small groups to achieve a common goal. [Litter Pickers](#) - people who spend their time to pick up litter wherever they are.
- Create a visual display of what the world could look like if we changed our ways as Pope Francis asks. [Foyer display](#).
- Learn about how communities in another part of the world are impacted by climate change, and how the church there is responding.

THE CRY OF THE POOR

Link with [MISSIO](#), [SCIAF](#), [Justice & Peace Scotland](#) or [Aid to the Church in Need](#). Learn about and support a project that works to help children in other parts of the world have a 'better tomorrow'.

As a class choose a local charity or group who work with those in poverty. Find out about their work and mission and the ways you can support them. [Advent Assemblies](#), [Lenten charities](#).

- Add passages from the Gospel that teach about our responsibility for others, especially the poor and marginalised. [Foyer display](#).
- Write a letter to members asking them to make small changes that will benefit the poor and why that is important to you, e.g. [Sciaf Real Gifts](#).

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ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

At the Pupil Council discuss the ways that school can use sustainable products.

Investigate green energy networks and share your findings with the parent council. Parent Laudato Si Group

- Visit a local windfarm and find out how it is helping to make energy for our homes more sustainable.
- Find ways to create something yourself 'shop local' or 'upcycle' when giving a gift for a family member. P7 grow £5

SIMPLE LIFESTYLE

Make a pledge to make one change to something simple that will benefit future generations.

Promote the Catholic tradition of not eating meat on a Friday. Ask the school canteen if it is possible to have meat free Fridays.

- Start a school vegetable garden and use the produce to help the local community.
- Instead of throwing out clothes that are too small find ways to reuse or re-give them.
- Challenge your class/school/family to take part in a time of abstinence from buying things they don't need.

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ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Learn about the dangers facing children in other parts of the world because of poverty or environmental changes.

Investigate the lives of inspirational people who have lived their Christian vocation to protect God's handwork.

- Explore the diversity of backgrounds, cultures and faiths that are present in your school community and how these are celebrated.
- As a school participate in projects/competitions that promote sustainability and environmental responsibility.

ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

Create a prayer for the world's children. Pray it together as a school.

Explore what the catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about ecology.

- Explore Ignatian Spirituality as a class (school/group)
- Reflect on the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the process of making a change for good.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Host a Grandparents' Day, share learning about the challenges facing the Earth and the poor today and listen to how we looked after the poor and the environment when they were young.

Invite a member of the local community who works to protect God's handiwork in to talk about their vocation.

- Invite your local priest to talk about how they live their duty to God and nature through their vocation
- Engage with faith and civic groups from your local community who promote ecological action. Identify a local issue that needs your support



Dear St. Joseph,



Help us to love and care for our friends and family

To be gentle and fair to each other

Help us to work and play together

Help us to live and grow together

To be always glad to help each other

Please bring healing and comfort to those who are sick

Help us to be guided by our Pope

and all our religious leaders

Help us to use our eyes to see our friends

Help us to open our ears to hear our teachers

Help us to open our mind to learn new things

Watch over us and care for us

just as you did with Jesus.

Amen