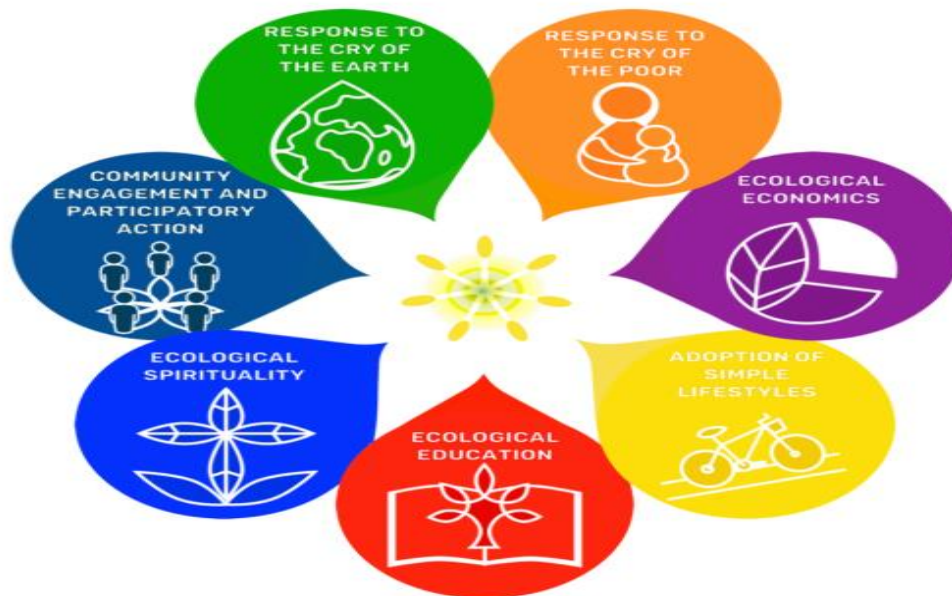


*A message from the Earth Care Committee:*

***“I ask you, in the name of God, to defend Mother Earth.”*** (Pope Francis)

This May marks the fifth Anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis’ encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*. The week of May 16- May 22 (a week before Pentecost) has been designated as *Laudato Si*: Care of Our Common Home Week of reflection, prayer, and study. On May 24, the Vatican office of *Dicastery for Promotion of Integral Human Development* will launch a new program and a public commitment for families, schools, dioceses, religious orders, and others to begin a seven-year journey toward total sustainability in the spirit of *Laudato Si*’.

### *Laudato Si* Goals



The Earth Care committee, together with Pope Francis, invite you on this journey together as a community to make the principles of *Laudato Si* for sustainable living in our common home part of your everyday life as a Franciscan community, as part of the church, as part of a country, and part of our family. Watch this space! More information and details will be available soon. In the meantime, please check out this site to get you started.

<https://www.laudatosi.org/laudato-si/action-platform/>

Peace and all good, Sisters Liz and Gloria