



Creation Care Ministry 5-Year Summary 2015-2019

Report of activities prepared by the Creation Care Commission



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November 25, 2019

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Catholic Center
1400 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Re: **Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care 5-Year Summary Report: 2015 to 2019**

Dear Archbishop Thompson:

Enclosed is one copy of our Archdiocese of Indianapolis *Creation Care 5-Year Summary Report* for your consideration. It highlights the key achievements of the Creation Care Commission's activities since our beginning in May 2015. We hope that it is useful for your meeting with the Vatican's Dicastery for Human Development during your upcoming ad Limina visit.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report, please feel free to contact us whenever it is convenient to discuss.

Sincerely in Christ,
**Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Creation Care Commission**

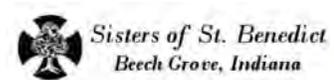
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5-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT: 2015 - 2019

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis began a formal program for Creation Care ministry just prior to Pope Francis' publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si* Care for Our Common Home in June 2015. Since that time, the Archdiocese has been engaged in a number of activities to inform, educate and engage the faithful in care for our common home. Highlights of these Creation Care Ministry activities include:

- 1) Established Creation Care Commission – May 2015 under Archbishop Joseph Tobin
- 2) Quarterly Articles – The Criterion Archdiocesan Newspaper
- 3) Lenten Creation Care Programs – since 2017
- 4) Educational programming at National Catholic Youth Conference 2017
- 5) Social media program on Facebook since 2017
- 6) Expansion of connections of CCC with other Christian churches
- 7) Establishment of Creation Care Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles and Implementation Plan – approved by Archbishop Charles Thompson in November 2018
- 8) **2019 Pilot Sustainability Program** – 4 parishes; 1 high school
 - a. Educational and Facility Workshops – Best practices; Catholic Social Teaching; Climate Science
 - b. Facility Energy Use Assessments – supported by utility company; replacement of low-efficiency with high-efficiency lighting systems; recommendations for future
 - c. Energy, Waste, Water, Landscaping and Transportation Self Assessments guided by interns
 - d. Development of 12-month Sustainability Implementation Program
- 9) **2019 Season of Creation Program** – 5-week program including:
 - a. Archbishop Thompson – message for Season of Creation
 - b. Week-by-week guide with daily actions, reflection and background science information
 - c. Weekday themed actions (e.g., Meatless Monday, Laudato Si Sundays)
 - d. Archdiocese planting of 200 trees by 12 parishes
 - e. Participation in Climate Strike by grade school/middle school children and others
 - f. Launch of www.OurCommonHome.org website with resources for all parishes
 - g. Weekly bulletin paragraphs to parishes
 - h. Environmental film screening with Eastside Creation Care Network

Proposed Future Activities

- 1) Development of archdiocesan budget for Creation Care and staff member(s)
- 2) Expansion of Pilot Sustainability Program throughout the Archdiocese
- 3) Setting of Archdiocesan sustainability goals for reducing its carbon footprint
- 4) Continued development of resources and support for both parishes and individuals in continued progress toward implementation of the principles of *Laudato Si*

Attachments: Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles – Creation Care Ministry
2019 Implementation Plan
2019 Pilot Sustainability Report
2019 Season of Creation Report

ATTACHMENTS

**Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles – Creation Care
2019 Implementation Plan
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2019 Season of Creation Report**

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Creation Care Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles

Mission

To encourage and foster the care for God's creation as a way of life and a core principle of our Catholic faith, and to minimize the Archdiocese' impact on the environment

Vision

We are an Archdiocese committed to the principles and values set forth in Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

Parishes, schools, agencies, and organizations exhibit a culture of sustainability and consider the environmental impact of their activities.

Parishioners make good environmental choices in their homes and daily lives and understand that their choices affect the lives of others. They know the joy of living more simply and understand that creation care is a moral imperative.

Guiding Principles

All Church operations and individual activities shall be conducted in an ethical and environmentally sustainable manner.

All that we do shall be rooted in gospel values and Catholic social doctrine.

Commission for Creation Care Ministry Implementation Plan 2019

Goal: Educate Archdiocesan parishes, schools, agencies, and organizations about environmentally sustainable actions they can take

- Enhance Archdiocesan Creation Care webpages with resources and supporting information
- Contact parishes showing interest in Creation Care and support with resources
- Hold quarterly SKYPE/Conference call/webinar meetings with parish representatives
- Write environmental articles for the Criterion on a quarterly basis
- Represent the archdiocese at appropriate events and share information about Archdiocesan Creation Care
- Hold quarterly meetings of the Archdiocesan Commission for Creation Care Ministry

Goal: Minimize environmental impact from church facilities

- Recruit a group of parishes or facilities for a pilot energy audit program (target: 10)
- Provide Sustainability Interns to gather energy data and complete audits – Summer 2019
- Provide parish presentations and support local Creation Care efforts

Goal: Invite parishes to participate in faith-based environmental programs

- Send regular communications to parish priests and other parish leaders highlighting specific resources and programs along with general information related to creation care
- Communicate information about resources through existing organizations within the archdiocese such as Office of Catholic Education, Youth Ministry, and DREs
- Plan an archdiocesan event for the 2019 Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4); possible ideas include:
 - o Archdiocesan prayer service
 - o Archdiocesan Creation Care Resource Fair
 - o Laudato Si' tree plantings (Possible partner - Keep Indianapolis Beautiful)
 - o Laudato Si' Walk or Bike to Work/School Day (Note: International Walk to School Day for 2019 is scheduled for October 2:
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/about-the-events/about-walk-to-school-day/>)
 - o Laudato Si' Clean up Day – neighborhood clean up by parishes
 - o Laudato Si' Zero Purchase Day – Anti-consumerism day
 - o Creation Care Zero Energy Day – minimize energy use
- Adopt the Global Catholic Climate Movement program whereby parishes and schools can be recognized as a Laudato Si' Parish/School based on their efforts in specific areas



Living Laudato Si' Sustainability Pilot 2019

Program Report prepared by the Creation Care Commission



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Pilot Sustainability Program

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Dear Archbishop Thompson:

Enclosed is one copy of our *2019 Living Laudato Si' Pilot Sustainability Program Report* for your consideration. Based on the results of our efforts during the Summer of 2019, we believe the pilot program was a real success, and we hope to continue with your support to expand our efforts throughout the Archdiocese in the coming year.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report and its recommendations, we would be interested in meeting with you whenever it is convenient to discuss next steps.

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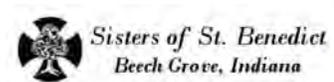
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ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS CREATION CARE COMMISSION LIVING LAUDATO SI' SUSTAINABILITY PILOT PROGRAM 2019

FINAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the Living Laudato Si' Sustainability Pilot Program was to respond to the call to action presented in Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and begin to lower the carbon footprint of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Four parishes and one high school in the archdiocese comprised the initial cohort. These included: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, St. Mary Catholic Church (Indianapolis), St. Matthew Catholic Church, and Secena Memorial High School. The 10-week program took place between May and August 2019. During that time, the Archdiocese Creation Care Commission (CCC), through its program summer interns, conducted comprehensive assessments with each participant in all areas of operations, including: energy use, water use, building maintenance, food service, waste management, transportation, outdoor space, and purchasing. These assessments were completed primarily through interviews and self-evaluations developed by the CCC and distributed to participant stakeholders.

To establish good communication and buy-in from the stakeholders, the CCC hosted a kick-off event, two educational workshops and a concluding celebration. The programs covered participant expectations and commitments, energy efficiency in sacred spaces, the basics of climate change, Catholic social teaching on climate change, and best operational practices for parish facilities and schools. The workshops gave attendees practical information on implementing sustainable practices within their parish and/or school. Weekly direct email and telephone communications provided participants with program activity updates and bulletin inserts to describe the program.

The CCC worked with Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) to coordinate energy assessments that included a site visit by IPL installers to review the facilities and install replacement LED lights where appropriate. After the assessment, each parish/school was provided with a brief report that included recommendations for future modifications. After completion of the comprehensive assessment, meetings were held with key stakeholders in each parish/school to discuss the on-site results and develop goals in each area of the assessment. These goals were then turned into a draft 12-month sustainability program for implementation, with ongoing progress monitoring by the CCC throughout the coming year.

By the end of the 10-week program, the CCC developed an online resource for parishes, schools and parishioners, and launched the new website www.OurCommonHome.org on September 1, 2019, to mark the beginning of the Season of Creation. The website is updated regularly.

Key to expanding the pilot program throughout the archdiocese is developing protocols that can be used by other parishes/schools either independently or with assistance. The CCC currently is developing a workbook for this purpose. Both the workbook and the website will be continuing 'works in progress' that will be improved and updated as appropriate and possible with available resources.

BACKGROUND

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis conveyed to the world an urgent call to action to address the causes of global warming and prepare for the inevitable impacts of climate change, especially those impacts to the poor and most vulnerable. Pope Francis made clear that caring for creation is a moral imperative as it relates to respecting the inherent dignity of all life. With the blessing of then-Archbishop Joseph Tobin, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care Commission came together to respond to Pope Francis' call to action.

Since then, the Commission has made some progress with the help and leadership of Deacon Mike Braun, although the lack of staff and resources has limited meaningful progress. The Commission was able to take a significant step forward in the summer of 2019, however, thanks to a grant for a full-time intern from the Indiana University Indiana Sustainability Development Program (ISDP), as well as three part-time interns from Mundell & Associates, the availability of energy assessments by Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL), the generosity of several financial sponsors, and, of course, approval by Archbishop Thompson.

During June, July and early August 2019, the Creation Care Commission conducted a 10-week sustainability pilot program in four parishes and one school -- Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary, St. Matthew and Scecina Memorial High School. During the program, each location conducted comprehensive assessments of their buildings and operations and used those assessments to work with the CCC to develop a 12-month Sustainability Action Plan tailored to the unique needs and situations of the parish or school. This sustainability pilot program serves as an important first step towards integrating sustainable practices into all operations of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

2019 PILOT PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The structure for the 2019 pilot program was developed over a period of several months prior to its start. This included developing program administrative support documents, beginning communications with Archdiocese Thompson and gaining approval through Deacon Mike Braun, and recruiting/selecting participants based on interest, location and diversity with respect to level of knowledge, experience and actions already taken, and willingness to make specific commitments through the Covenant of Commitments with the CCC. Each participant identified key staff and other stakeholders who needed to be involved in the assessments and development of the 12-month action plan.

Once the 10-week program started, the ISDP intern sought input from the participants regarding preferences for methods and frequency of communications and educational opportunities. The CCC's goal was to provide useful information and education without imposing unnecessary or excessive expectations on participants.

The 2019 sustainability pilot program included the following key components:

Participant Commitment/Communications

In late 2018, prior to enlisting the parishes/school into the pilot program, the CCC developed Mission/Vision/Values statements for the Creation Care program that were approved by the Archbishop, along with a summary of 2019 goals. A 10-week schedule was set for the Pilot Sustainability Program and a Living Laudato Si Sustainability Pilot Program Covenant of

Commitment was developed and agreed upon by each participant. These program supporting documents are provided in **Attachment No. 1**.

Contact information for each parish/school pilot program team were collected and used to provide direct communication via email and FlockNotes. Weekly broadcasts of program updates and bulletin inserts were provided to the participants to keep them abreast of the activities and planned events. *Laudato Si'* prayer cards were distributed and used during Mass at some of the participating parishes.

To garner further commitment and encourage community and communication among the participants, the CCC hosted a kick-off event and a concluding celebration. These events, along with the workshops, gave participants a chance to share success and challenges with each other.

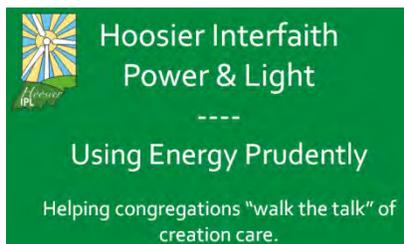


Facility Self-Assessment

The Archdiocese CCC, through its program summer interns, conducted comprehensive assessments with each participant in all areas of operation, including energy use, water use, building operations and maintenance, food service, waste management, transportation, outdoor space, and purchasing. These assessments were completed primarily through interviews and self-evaluations developed by the Creation Care Commission and distributed to participant stakeholders, Program template forms are provided in **Attachment No. 1**.

Facility Energy Audit

The Creation Care Commission worked with Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) to coordinate energy assessments through the Small Business Direct Install Program. With this program, IPL installers made a site visit and conducted a free assessment to check the status of lighting in the buildings and check for ballast compatibility. During the assessment, they installed free LED products to ensure that savings in the facility started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. The parish/school was also given a report that included a savings report from the initial assessment, as well as recommendations for the future. In addition to this initial visit, the Small Business Direct Install Program also offers installation of occupancy sensors through Godby Heating Plumbing Electrical. These appointments were made around a month following the energy assessment, and installation of those sensors was at no cost to the participants.



During the assessment, they installed free LED products to ensure that savings in the facility started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. The parish/school was also given a report that included a savings report from the initial assessment, as well as recommendations for the future.



Educational Workshops

The Creation Care Commission hosted two workshops during the 10-week period. The first of the two workshops, "Saving Energy in Sacred Spaces," was conducted by Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light. The second workshop, conducted by the program interns and a scientist from the Purdue Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC), covered the basics of climate change, Catholic social teaching on climate change, and best operational practices

for parish facilities and schools. Both workshops gave attendees practical information on implementing sustainable practices within their parish and/or school.

12-Month Sustainability Action Plan

After completion of the comprehensive assessments, the ISDP intern met with key stakeholders for each participant to discuss the results from of the assessments and to develop goals in each area assessed. The Commission intern used the assessments and goals to prepare a report for each participant, which included a draft 12-Month Sustainability Action Plan. The full report for each participant is included in **Attachment No. 2**. Each draft Sustainability Action Plan is tailored to the unique situation of the individual participant. Each participant will refine its Sustainability Action Plan and identify the timeline and leaders for the projects they choose to implement in the next 12 months.

Program Resource Development

The Mundell interns researched and developed best management practices as guidelines for the Sustainability Pilot Program participants and as a resource for other parishes, schools, ministries and other offices in the future. The Creation Care Commission developed an online resource for parishes, schools and parishioners and launched this new website on September 1, 2019, to mark the beginning of the Season of Creation. The website is at www.ourcommonhome.org. It is updated and added to regularly.



Program Evaluation/Feedback

Because this was a pilot program, the Creation Care Commission was particularly interested in obtaining evaluations, feedback and suggestions throughout the process. The Commission intern provided evaluation forms several times during the program and solicited oral feedback during meetings and workshops. Several evaluation responses are included in **Attachment No. 3**.

DRAFT ACTION PLAN COMPILATION

A summary of each of the participant draft Action Plans tailored to the unique situations of the individual parish and/or school is provided in the following paragraphs and in **Table 1**. It will be the responsibility of the parish/school to identify a timeline and leaders for the projects they choose to pursue. Members of the CCC will monitor progress toward goals and offer assistance over the next year.

Action Plan Summaries

St. Matthew - Key elements of the action plan for St. Matthew Catholic Church are increased energy efficiency and increased recycling efforts. Their priorities are to replace old roof lighting and gym lighting with LED bulbs, which will greatly decrease their energy use. They also want to start recycling plastic, which will decrease their carbon footprint by decreasing the amount of waste headed to a landfill or incinerator. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year will be crucial to increasing buy-in from the school. Educating parishioners and actively partaking in the Season of Creation activities will help engage the parish at large.

St. Mary - Key elements in the action plan for St. Mary Catholic Church include waste management and education, particularly the elimination of the use of styrofoam and disposable products at their Sunday food sales. They plan on educating parishioners, especially the Hispanic community, on the importance of recycling and other sustainability efforts. Focusing on hosting educational opportunities after Mass on Sundays will be crucial for gaining parish involvement, since most parishioners are only able to travel to the church on Sunday.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Key elements of the action plan for Our Lady of Lourdes include LED updates, recycling at the school, and streamlining the recycling process for Bernadette Hall. The gym lights will be prioritized first, followed by the kitchen and cafeteria; remaining areas of the school will follow. Educating students about recycling, along with creating standardized signage for recycling bins and starting recycling at all events, will greatly increase the recycling rates in both the school and the parish. Streamlining the process for Bernadette Hall will greatly reduce the amount of waste generated by activities in the space. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year will be crucial to increasing buy-in from the school. Educating



parishioners and actively partaking in the Season of Creation activities will help engage the parish at large.



Holy Spirit - Key elements of Holy Spirit's action plan include working with vermiculture and native landscaping, and investigating the use of solar energy. The Creation Care team has taken an interest in looking at options for solar energy. Vermiculture is a good way to connect the school kids with the process of composting and organic gardening, while also reducing the amount of organic waste that ends up in the landfill or incinerator. The property has a lot of green space, so there is plenty of room to plant a rain garden or pollinator garden with native landscaping. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year will be crucial to increasing buy-in from the school. Educating parishioners and actively partaking in the Season of Creation activities will help engage the parish at large.

Seccina Memorial HS - Key elements in SMHS's action plan are community service/outreach and student engagement. Their "Red and Gold Going Green" club has the potential to involve the entire community in both service and education through sustainability-related service projects and outreach to local schools. They have the capability to take charge of some of the projects such as composting and planting a pollinator garden. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year and partaking in the Season of Creation activities will be helpful



in gaining buy-in for the program. Seccina Memorial High School is dedicated to a mission of excellence in every aspect of education and integrating sustainability into their operations is the next step of their mission.

**Table 1.
Living Laudato Si' Pilot Program
Action Plan Compilations**

Parish/School	St. Matthew	St. Mary	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Spirit	Seccina
ENERGY					
LED Lights	○ *		○**		
Install occupancy sensors	○		○	○	○
Replace appliances with Energy Star	○		○***		
Inventory "energy users" in building					○
Obtain and use a programmable thermostat at recommended settings	○				○
Obtain and use smart power strips	○	○	○	○	○
Investigate solar options				○	○
Create good practices signage	○	○	○	○	○
Invest in IPL Green Power Option	○	○	○	○	○
Maintain Portfolio Manager account	○	○	○	○	○
Investigate solutions for HVAC system					○
*roof, gym, school, church **gym, cafeteria, kitchen *** refrigerator					
WATER					
Save water in rain barrels	○		○	○	○
Use "green" cleaning products	○	○	○	○	○
Install low-flow faucet aerators/showerheads	○	○	○	○	○
Install faucets with sensors	○	○	○	○	○
WASTE					
Start composting in kitchen	○			○	○
Start vermiculture composting				○	
Eliminate use of Styrofoam products	○	○	○	○	○
Reduce use of disposable goods		○		○ ⁶	
Invest in reusable dishes		○***	○ ⁴	○ ⁷	
Begin or expand Recycling; Streamline process	○*		○ ⁴		○ ⁸
Place recycling bins	○**		○ ⁵		○**
Create standardized recycling bin signage	○		○	○	○ ⁹
Start or increase recycling at events		○	○		
Recycle batteries/e-waste/toner cartridges				○	○
Host a community technology waste drive				○	○
Conduct food waste audit	○			○	○
*Plastic **classrooms/offices ***events ⁴ staff lounge/Bernadette Hall ⁵ cafeteria ⁶ Utensils ⁷ Kitchen ⁸ bottlecaps ⁹ cc logo					

**Table 1.
Living Laudato Si' Pilot Program
Action Plan Compilations (continued)**

Parish/School	St. Matthew	St. Mary	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Spirit	Seccina
PURCHASING					
Take inventory of all products purchased; consider source	○	○	○	○	○
Create/implement green purchasing policy	○	○	○	○	○
Buy local goods/services	○	○	○	○	○
Buy materials made from recycled content				○	
OUTDOOR SPACE					
Install compost bin	○				
Reuse flowers if possible (wedding, etc.)			○		
Plant/maintain native landscaping	○		○	○	○
Plant a pollinator garden	○			○	○
Plant a vegetable garden					○
Install a rooftop garden					○
Investigate options for rain garden				○	
Buy rain barrel and harvest rainwater	○		○	○	
Investigate beehive purchase					○
Purchase organic fertilizer/pesticides					○
Plant more trees				○	○*
*Class tree					
TRANSPORTATION					
Start a "no idling" policy	○		○	○	○
Encourage carpooling	○*		○	○	○**
Install more bike racks				○	○
Host bike safety workshops				○	
Bike riding activities for students				○	
Encourage group rides/walks			○		○
Educate about/encourage use of IndyGo			○		
*staff **students create incentives					
Education Tasks					
Host Laudato Si' presentations/discussions	○	○	○	○	
Strengthen/expand Creation Care team			○		
Host recycling workshops		○	○	○	
Develop educational materials/sustainability curriculum	○	○			○
Teach students about the importance of not wasting	○				
Educate staff/students	○		○		○
Educate parishioners on repurposing items			○		
Host workshops on different topics					○
Start speaker series for students					○
Create options for sustainability related service projects					○
Expand "Going Green" club/outreach to schools					○
Monarch butterflies in the classroom	○		○	○	
Calculate carbon footprint before and after program	○		○	○	○

PILOT PROGRAM OBSERVATIONS

The following summarizes some of the positive outcomes observed during the program, and also some of the challenges faced in its implementation.

Positive Outcomes

First, approval and support from Archbishop Thompson was key to the success of this program. Discussion with the Council of Priests reaffirmed this support and spread the word about the program.

Secondly, the overall structure of the program was successful. Each participating parish or school signed a covenant of commitment and held an initial meeting with key stakeholders in the parish which clarified these expectations. The assessment forms made by members of the CCC and filled in by key stakeholders were successful in evaluating business operations.



Communication using Flocknotes and email during this program was very effective. Every Friday, a newsletter providing general updates, information regarding upcoming events, and other relevant information pertaining to the program was sent. This allowed the Commission to communicate with both participants and other interested parties who were not in the original cohort. Positive feedback was received regarding the concise, informative, and engaging format.

Multiple events held throughout the pilot program effectively engaged participants. The opening event set the tone for the program and provided clarity as to expectations of participants. Each participating parish or school was represented, with pastors from three of the four parishes and the president of the participating high school in attendance. An educational game was used as an ice-breaker to encourage interaction between participants. To further advance the theme of sustainability, this event was also vegan and zero-waste. A closing celebration was held during the last week of the program where each participating parish/school previewed their draft action plan and reported major aspects of their plan to other participants. A group discussion was held in



which participants voiced their overall impressions of the program and shared their aspirations for the coming year. Awards were presented to participants as members of the "inaugural sustainability pilot program," and a group photo was taken.

The two educational workshops, "*Saving Energy in Sacred Spaces*" and the multi-topic workshop covering the basics of climate change, Catholic social teaching on climate change, and best operational practices for parish facilities and schools, received positive feedback for

providing practical information. There were around 20 people in attendance at each workshop. Both events were also hosted in early afternoon during the work week, which allowed many of the parish staff members to attend. The information presented at these workshops was relatively simple and captured a broad audience. The last two parts of the workshop were conducted by young adults; this received good feedback, as it offered a young perspective to the issues at hand. Both workshops were successful.



The Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) energy audits were another successful component of the program. Appointments were scheduled and communicated well in advance. Post-visit reports were sent within 24 hours after the site visit. Free energy-saving equipment was a bonus.

Challenges

Several challenges presented themselves during the pilot program. The IPL reports were generally sparse in their content. The reports provided general numbers of installed fixtures, but did not provide information about the location of those installations. Furthermore, it seemed that communication between IPL and Godby regarding installation of motion sensors was not clear.



Participating parishes and schools were under the impression that an appointment would be made with Godby to install motion sensors on their property. In reality, the company gave very little notice of their arrival, which presented challenges with scheduling.

Another challenge was scheduling events, such as educational sessions. With five participating parishes and schools, it was difficult to find a time that worked well for everyone. In addition, working with staff and volunteers presented a scheduling challenge. Staff preferred meeting times during the workday, whereas volunteers usually were not available during that time.

Spreading the word about the pilot program among potential stakeholders of each participant was also difficult. Most of this communication spread through word-of-mouth. Understanding how to effectively utilize existing parish/school and archdiocesan communication networks and communicate the importance of the program to gain the future buy-in of parish leaders and priests remains an obstacle for program success.

Following up on progress of the action plans will be a challenge. Currently there is no structured plan for following up with the participating parishes and schools. Unless the CCC can actively and accurately track progress on the five Sustainability Action Plans, we will not be able to evaluate the ultimate success of the pilot program. Also, as the school year starts and other projects may take priority at the parish and/or school, implementation of the action plans may

lose momentum. Currently, the CCC only includes volunteers to monitor the program since the intern support received during 2019 ended in September.

The geographic reach of the Archdiocese will also be a challenge. It will be difficult to engage high schools and parishes outside the Indianapolis area because of the distance and the current level of support for Creation Care in the Archdiocese.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on feedback from stakeholders in participating parishes/schools, we can conclude the following:

- 1) The Sustainability Pilot Program was a success!
 - a. It raised awareness about the importance of concrete action.
 - b. It increased engagement in Creation Care at every location.
 - c. It established a baseline of existing conditions from which to measure improvement.
 - d. It set a tentative course for future actions.
- 2) Implementation of this program in the future requires additional archdiocesan funding and personnel resources. The interns and financial resources were donated and funded by external means (*i.e.*, non-budgetary funding). In order to be successful, it will be necessary to provide funding for the program in order to bring it forward, including funding for sustainable energy alternatives (such as solar).
- 3) Engagement of the priests/principals in Creation Care is needed in order to help it spread within the parishes/schools. Each participating parish/school had support at this level.
- 4) Based on these initial assessment efforts, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is at the 'beginning stages' of implementing the vision of Laudato Si. If the archdiocese is going to be successful in meeting any climate action goals, additional efforts and increased financial support will be needed to advance this program.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on feedback from stakeholders in participating parishes/schools in the pilot program and observations from personal experiences, the Creation Care Commission has several recommendations.

- 1) **Provide ongoing support for pilot program participants**
 - Follow up communications from the commission
 - Evaluate progress on action plans
 - 6-month meeting to determine progress and needs
 - Encourage the pilot program cohort to continue meeting to discuss best practices
 - Schedule additional educational events (*e.g.*, recycling in Indiana)

- 2) **Continue the program with a second cohort (target 10 parishes) in summer of 2020**
 - Secure interns for the summer of 2020
 - Use lessons learned to expand the program
 - Consider holding ArchIndy Creation Care webinars
 - Issue a 2020 Archdiocese of Indianapolis Sustainability Report
- 3) **Expand the scope and secure the future of the Sustainability Program**
 - Develop a 2020 archdiocesan budget for sustainability
 - Consider a part-time/full-time paid sustainability coordinator reporting to the CCC
 - Set target Sustainability Goals as an archdiocese
 - Develop and form support groups with deanery cohorts of parishes
 - Consider other ways to reduce utility costs in parishes (in addition to energy use reductions)
 - Investigate funding/grants for energy improvements
 - Investigate whether the archdiocese can make large purchases of energy efficient equipment to get volume discounts (e.g., solar panels, lighting, lighting controls)
 - Develop a *Green Parish Certification Program* (similar to H-IPL Cool Congregations)
 - Use regular meetings of the Archdiocesan facilities managers to share information
- 5) **Track resource use throughout the archdiocese using the Portfolio Manager or Energy Stewards programs**
- 6) **Promote the archdiocesan sustainability program**
 - Expand and organize resources on the website www.OurCommonHome.org to aid parishes with self-audits, projects, and beginning parish Creation Care Ministries
 - Develop communications platforms to allow sharing of case histories and success stories

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Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Creation Care Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles

Mission

To encourage and foster the care for God's creation as a way of life and a core principle of our Catholic faith, and to minimize the Archdiocese' impact on the environment

Vision

We are an Archdiocese committed to the principles and values set forth in Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

Parishes, schools, agencies, and organizations exhibit a culture of sustainability and consider the environmental impact of their activities.

Parishioners make good environmental choices in their homes and daily lives and understand that their choices affect the lives of others. They know the joy of living more simply and understand that creation care is a moral imperative.

Guiding Principles

All Church operations and individual activities shall be conducted in an ethical and environmentally sustainable manner.

All that we do shall be rooted in gospel values and Catholic social doctrine.

Commission for Creation Care Ministry Implementation Plan 2019

Goal: Educate Archdiocesan parishes, schools, agencies, and organizations about environmentally sustainable actions they can take

- Enhance Archdiocesan Creation Care webpages with resources and supporting information
- Contact parishes showing interest in Creation Care and support with resources
- Hold quarterly SKYPE/Conference call/webinar meetings with parish representatives
- Write environmental articles for the Criterion on a quarterly basis
- Represent the archdiocese at appropriate events and share information about Archdiocesan Creation Care
- Hold quarterly meetings of the Archdiocesan Commission for Creation Care Ministry

Goal: Minimize environmental impact from church facilities

- Recruit a group of parishes or facilities for a pilot energy audit program (target: 10)
- Provide Sustainability Interns to gather energy data and complete audits – Summer 2019
- Provide parish presentations and support local Creation Care efforts

Goal: Invite parishes to participate in faith-based environmental programs

- Send regular communications to parish priests and other parish leaders highlighting specific resources and programs along with general information related to creation care
- Communicate information about resources through existing organizations within the archdiocese such as Office of Catholic Education, Youth Ministry, and DREs
- Plan an archdiocesan event for the 2019 Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4); possible ideas include:
 - o Archdiocesan prayer service
 - o Archdiocesan Creation Care Resource Fair
 - o Laudato Si' tree plantings (Possible partner - Keep Indianapolis Beautiful)
 - o Laudato Si' Walk or Bike to Work/School Day (Note: International Walk to School Day for 2019 is scheduled for October 2:
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/learn-more/about-the-events/about-walk-to-school-day/>)
 - o Laudato Si' Clean up Day – neighborhood clean up by parishes
 - o Laudato Si' Zero Purchase Day – Anti-consumerism day
 - o Creation Care Zero Energy Day – minimize energy use
- Adopt the Global Catholic Climate Movement program whereby parishes and schools can be recognized as a Laudato Si' Parish/School based on their efforts in specific areas

ATTACHMENT 1
[SUSTAINABILITY PILOT PROGRAM]
TEN-WEEK SCHEDULE - OVERVIEW

Preliminary work to be done by Creation Care Committee

WEEK 1 – INTERN ORIENTATION, PROGRAM PLANNING AND FACILITIES INTRODUCTION/TOUR

WEEK 2 – COMPLETE INITIAL ON-SITE MEETINGS, CONTINUE EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW, AND BEGIN GOAL SETTING

WEEK 3 -- FINALIZE GOALS AND TIMETABLE

WEEK 4 – BEGIN ASSESSMENTS

WEEK 5 – IPL/CLEAR RESULTS ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

WEEK 6 – CONTINUE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

WEEK 7 – COMPLETE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

WEEK 8 – BEGIN PREPARING 12-MONTH SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

WEEK 9 -- FINALIZE 12-MONTH SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

WEEK 10 – INTERNS PREPARE AND PRESENT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATION CARE COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVES OF ARCHDIOCESE AND [PILOT PROGRAM] PARTICIPANTS

**ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
CREATION CARE COMMITTEE
AND
[PARISH OR SCHOOL]**

**LIVING *LAUDATO SI'*
SUSTAINABILITY PILOT PROGRAM**

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT

The Archdiocese Creation Care Committee and [Parish or School] enter into this Covenant of Commitment this ___ day of _____, 2019.

OUR SHARED UNDERSTANDING

✧ In his encyclical *Laudato Si', Care of Our Common Home*, Pope Francis recognizes that climate change caused by global warming poses an urgent threat to the Earth, our common home, and to its most vulnerable inhabitants. Pope Francis admonishes that:

The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now; and

Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming.

Laudato Si', Paragraphs 161 and 23.

✧ The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, which encompasses nearly 13,800 square miles in 38 counties in central and southern Indiana, and is comprised of 133 parishes, 70 high schools and elementary schools, and almost a quarter of a million Roman Catholics, is committed to heed the call of Pope Francis, as evidenced by its signing of the Catholic Climate Declaration.

✧ We accept as our guiding principle that we must strive to conduct all Church operations in an ethical and environmentally sustainable manner.

✧ We acknowledge that to conduct all Church operations in an ethical and environmentally sustainable manner will require a change in the [parish or school] culture, and the recognition that all operations and ministries must consider and integrate sustainability principles in their planning and operations.

✧ We acknowledge that this Covenant is the first step in a process to change our culture and to begin making the changes necessary to operate ethically and in an environmentally

sustainable manner. We commit that through this Sustainability Pilot Program, we will begin this process by:

- Identifying opportunities and priorities for improving sustainability practices in [Parish or School];
- Identifying applicable best management practices for [Parish or School];
- Developing a Sustainability Action Plan for [Parish or School]; and
- Engaging all [parish or school] stakeholders in the process.

✧ In consideration of the above shared declarations, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care Committee and [Parish or School] commit to each other as follows:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CREATION CARE COMMITTEE

1. Coordinate and provide all aspects of the Sustainability Pilot Program, at no cost to [Parish or School], through interns provided by the Indiana Sustainability Development Program (ISDP) and Mundell & Associates, and other volunteer experts, organizations and businesses.
2. Work with [Parish or School] to establish specific goals for the 10-week Sustainability Pilot Program. The general framework for the 10-week program is attached as Attachment 1.
3. Communicate at least weekly with the primary contact person designated by [Parish or School]. Coordinate all interactions with staff, volunteers or others who have information or responsibilities relevant to the Sustainability Pilot Program with the primary contact person.
4. Work with [Parish or School] to establish a specific 12-month Sustainability Action Plan that reflects the priorities of [Parish or School] for implementation after the 10-week program.
5. Develop a methodology for tracking the Sustainability Action Plan for [Parish or School], and provide follow-up support and encouragement to [Parish or School] throughout the 12-month implementation.
6. Provide a final report at the end of the 10-week program documenting projects and results for [Parish or School], including an overall evaluation of each project and recommendations for future projects.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF [PARISH OR SCHOOL]

1. Provide a primary contact person for the ISDP and Mundell interns. This person should be familiar with the overall operation of [Parish or School] and be able to coordinate and facilitate intern interactions with staff, volunteers or others who have information or responsibilities relevant to the Sustainability Pilot Program.

2. Identify stakeholders, such as [parish/school] leadership, staff, etc., and specific interests of each stakeholder. Throughout the process, inform parishioners, teachers, students, and other stakeholders about the Sustainability Pilot Program, and invite participation and feedback at every opportunity.

3. Participate in the orientation and educational components of the Sustainability Pilot Program, the schedule and details of which will be mutually determined.

4. Work with ISDP and Mundell interns to establish specific goals for the 10-week Sustainability Pilot Program. See Attachment 1.

5. Provide periodic feedback to the Creation Care Committee as requested to enhance the overall experience with the interns during the Sustainability Pilot Program.

6. Work with ISDP and Mundell interns to establish a specific 12-month Sustainability Action Plan that reflects the priorities of [Parish or School] for implementation after the 10-week program.

7. Work with the Creation Care Committee for at least 12 months after the 10-week program to document operational improvements and metrics of success (e.g., energy savings, waste reduction, etc.).

8. Serve as case study and resource to other archdiocesan parishes or schools, as requested and appropriate.

So acknowledged and agreed this ____ day of _____, 2019.

[PARISH OR SCHOOL]

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
CREATION CARE COMMITTEE

By _____
[Pastor or President]

By /Deacon Mike Braun/
Director of Pastoral Ministries

Energy Assessment Questions

Date:

Parish/School:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Lighting

Are lights turned off when daylight is bright enough?	
Has there been an effort to use energy-efficient light bulbs when incandescent bulbs burn out?	
Are lights/lamps/fixtures clean?	
Are blinds/curtains used to shade the building(s)? Are they closed at night?	
Are external lights kept on in the daytime?	
Are the lights turned off at night?	
Are gym lights turned off when not in use?	
How do you adjust classroom/hallway/kitchen spaces for breaks/holidays?	
Is there signage reminding staff to turn off lights when not in use?	

Additional Comments:

Heating/Cooling

Provide a brief description of your HVAC system.	
Do off-hour activities extend operating house for energy-using systems?	
Is natural cooling (outside air) utilized?	
Are there any guidelines on indoor temperature use? How do you handle the thermostats on a day-to-day basis? Where are they located? Are they vulnerable to occupant adjustment? What are the settings for heating and cooling season? Is it adjusted for unoccupied periods?	
What's the maintenance schedule for the HVAC systems?	
Is heating/AC used in unoccupied spaces?	
Are radiators blocked by furniture or other things which can restrict circulation?	
Are electric space heaters used anywhere?	
Is the exhaust system operation programmed?	
Is there any sort of maintenance routine for checking leaks/cracks in pipes?	
Are boilers maintained on a scheduled basis?	
Is there insulation on the roof space?	
Are there any cracked windows?	
Is there evidence of issues with double glazing in windows (moisture between panes)?	
Do the windows/doors stay closed when heat/AC is on?	
Could the building reduce heat by closing blinds or using reflective film in windows?	
Is AC run at the same time as heating?	
Does the chiller operate during cold weather to provide AC?	
Do multiple AC compressors start simultaneously?	
Do multiple boilers/heaters fire simultaneously?	

Additional Comments:

Water

Are there evident water leaks/drips?	
Are water temperatures reduced during unoccupied periods?	
What is the hot water temperature set at?	
Are water fountains on a timer?	
Are there devices in place to conserve heated water?	

Additional Comments:

Equipment

Is equipment kept on "energy saving" mode during the day?	
Can computers be switched off during the day?	
Are the computer, fax machines, photocopiers, etc turned off at night?	
Can a 7-day timer be put on some of the equipment (water coolers, vending machines, photocopiers)?	
Do vending machines remain energized during unoccupied periods?	
Are fridges placed next to heat sources?	
Is the fridge thermostat working properly and set to the right temp?	
Are icemakers turned off?	
Are microwaves, coffee machines, etc. unplugged after use?	
Are any of the appliances upgraded to energy-efficient models?	
Is there signage informing staff of these energy-saving strategies?	

Additional Comments:

Waste Assessment Questions

Date:

Parish/School:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

<p>Check major waste generating activities.</p> <p>Make a star next to the ones that generate the most waste.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen wastes (school lunches, Sunday mass, special events)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping (yard clippings)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shipping containers (cardboard)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others (please explain):</p>
How many times does waste get collected each week?	
How much waste do you generate each week that is placed in a dumpster? (How many dumpsters are full?)	
Have you mapped where bins and dumpsters are located?	
What is the current waste handling cost?	
How is waste handled that's generated by the rectory?	
What do employees typically do for lunch?	
Are there vending/soda machines anywhere? How many?	
Is e-mail encouraged (rather than printing out paper)?	
Do printers have double-sided capabilities? If so, do you encourage double-sided copies?	
Do you buy paper/office supplies made from recycled content?	
What's the process for determining the need for office supplies?	
How much of the waste generated in a week would you estimate is compostable?	
How much is actually composted?	
Does leftover food get donated to charities?	
Do you have composting capability on-site?	
Do you reuse or repurpose anything? Explain.	
Are there any unused items (furniture, equipment, etc) being stored in the building that could be reused?	
How much recycled material do you estimate is generated each week?	
How much is actually recycled?	
Is there a recycling program in place? If yes, how often does recycling get collected?	
How many recycling bins are there? Where are they located?	
Please provide details of any waste reduction/recycling efforts (including special events, festivals, sporting events, etc).	
What percentage of your parishioners (or students, faculty, staff) do you estimate recycles their waste at home?	

Are there dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges?	
Is there standardized bin signage for recycling/trash bins?	
Are there posters/other materials reminding users of good recycling practices?	
What materials would you prioritize if a recycling program was in place?	

Additional Comments:

Please list any major festivals or other events that your parish/school hosts. For each of these events, please describe: major activities at the event; what is purchased or consumed at the event; and how waste is handled at the event, including any recycling efforts.

Waste Audit Assessment

Date:

Parish/School:

AREAS OF INTEREST

Recyclable items	Is this in your trash?	What Percentage?
Paper (e.g., office paper, mail, magazines, shredded paper, file folders, packing paper)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Paper boxes (e.g. cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, supplies and electronics boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Plastic bottles, jugs, cups, food containers (clean), packaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Metal cans and pans (rinsed) from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Cartons (milk and broth cartons, juice boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Organic material (food scraps, napkins)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Additional Comments:

Landscaping/Outdoor Space Assessment Questions

Date:

Parish/School:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How many acres does the parish own?	
Estimate the percentage of that land that is non-hard surface (no parking lots or buildings).	
Describe the landscaping on the property.	
How many trees are planted on the property? What types of trees are they?	
Are there flowers planted on the property?	
Are there any ponds, lakes, or natural springs on the property?	
How often is grass typically mowed?	
How are grass clippings handled?	
How is other outdoor waste (leaves, sticks, etc) handled?	
Is the lawn treated? How often and with what kind of materials?	
Are pesticides/fertilizers used anywhere?	
If yes, please explain the kind of chemical used and how it is used on the property.	
Are there any native plants on the property?	
If so, describe the type of plant and where they are located.	
Is the lawn watered? If so, how often?	
Are the athletic fields watered? How often?	
What is the source of water used for irrigation?	
Is rainwater harvested and used for irrigation?	
How is roof water directed?	
How is runoff handled from the property? (drainage to stormsewers, retention/detention ponds, raingardens, etc)	
Are there sump pumps from the basements to discharge water, keeping the basement dry?	
What time of day is the property watered?	
Is there a sprinkler system in place? If so, is there a timer of or quick shut-off valves on the system?	
Is there a vegetable garden on the property?	
Is mulch used on the property? How much is purchased and how often is it purchased? What is the source of the mulch?	
Are the athletic fields grass or turf?	

Additional Comments:

Transportation Assessment Questions

Date:

Parish/School:

Parish

How many families attend your parish?	
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate drive to Mass and other church events?	
How many do you estimate carpool?	
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate walk/bike to Mass and other church events?	
Are there public bus stations near your parish? How many?	
Are there bike racks around the church building? How many?	
What's the farthest distance anyone has to travel to church?	
Is there a vehicle for the parish priest?	
Are any of the church vehicles hybrid/electric?	
How many miles do priest/church vehicles drive in a week? In a year?	

Additional Comments:

School

How many employees and students drive to work/school on a daily basis?	
What's the longest distance a student/family drives to school?	
What percentage of students get picked-up/dropped-off at school by their parents?	
What time is pick-up for students? How long do parents typically wait in line to pick up their kids?	
What percentage of students walk/ride their bike to school?	
Do you have school buses? How many? What percentage of students are eligible for bus services?	
What percentage of students take the bus to school?	
How many days in a week are the school buses used? How many days in a year?	
Are there bike racks on your property? How many?	
How many students drive to school?	
Do students carpool? Is there an incentive to carpool?	
Do students pay for parking passes?	
Are there any other vehicles owned by the parish/school? Please list them and explain what their use(s) is/are.	

Additional Comments:

ATTACHMENT 2

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**Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care Commission
Living Laudato Si’ Sustainability Pilot Program
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
5333 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46219**

Final Report

Introduction

The Creation Care Commission is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis that is housed under Pastoral Ministries. The official mission of the Creation Care Commission is “to encourage and foster the care for God’s creation as a way of life and a core principle of our Catholic faith and to minimize the Archdiocese’ impact on the environment”. Its vision is this: that all parishioners will live environmentally-conscious lifestyles based on the values in Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and, consequently, understand that creation care is a moral imperative. They are guided by the goals that everything the Archdiocese does is completed in an ethical and environmentally conscious manner, and that everything is done based on Catholic social teaching.

The inaugural sustainability program is comprised of a cohort of four parishes and one high school that are all in the same relative geographic area. These parishes and schools signed a covenant of commitment promising to cooperate with the Creation Care Commission over the ten-week pilot program and ensuing twelve-month implementation phase. Upon success of this pilot program, the Creation Care Commission will make recommendations for moving forward in expanding the sustainability program to other parishes and schools across the Archdiocese.

Facility Description

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, founded in 1910, is located on 5333 East Washington Street in downtown Irvington. Their mission statement is as follows: “We, the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, strive to live, share, and be Christ in all we do”. There are four buildings on the property: the church building, the school building, the parish center (which also functions as the rectory), and Bernadette Hall (which currently houses the pre-school and other meeting rooms).

The HVAC system for the parish consists of a few parts. There is one boiler that is used to heat both the church and the school. Several classrooms and offices have window air conditioning units, but the rest of those spaces open windows for natural cooling. In general, the HVAC system is not efficient; it does not work well because it is approximately 60 years old.

Pilot Self-Evaluation

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church completed self-assessments in the following areas of operation: energy/building operations, waste management, outdoor space, and transportation. Below are key findings from each assessment.

Energy and Building Operations (See Appendix I): Most of the classrooms have been LED-updated, but there are still portions of the school, church, and parish center that have not been updated to LED lighting. There are signs in the bathroom and lounge reminding users to turn off

the lights when they leave the room. The light fixtures in the gym are very old, and those bulbs consume a large portion of energy. The HVAC systems are also old and doesn't work well, making it very inefficient. The computers in the computer lab and classrooms run all summer long. However, all equipment such as fax machines and photocopiers are always kept on "energy saving" mode.

Waste Management (See Appendix III, IV): Kitchen wastes make up the largest portion of waste that is directed to a landfill. There are small recycling bins in every classroom and office space, along with two large bins in common areas of the school. There is no standardized signage for recycling bins, and students often do not know what can/can't be recycled. The parish recently started recycling at their annual fall festival, and they rent bins from the Indiana Recycling Coalition for that event. There is no recycling at other school/parish events.

Outdoor Space (See Appendix VI): Less than 25% of the property owned by the parish is green space, but there are many trees, flowers, and bushes on that space. In addition, there is native landscaping in a garden which was planted by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. Organic-based treatment is used on the lawn twice a year, and pesticides are used sparingly. A minimum of 25 yards of mulch is purchased every year from Indiana Mulch and Stone LLC for the playground and other landscaping.

Transportation (See Appendix VI): Of the 500 families who regularly attend Mass, it is estimated that 85% of them drive to church while 15% walk or bike. Approximately 80% of the students are picked up and dropped off by their parents, and the remaining 20% bike or walk to school. Parents can wait up to half an hour to pick up their students, but a "no idling" policy has been discussed. There are two bike racks on the property. Many of the students live nearby, which makes walking and biking to school feasible.

Energy Audit Description

Indianapolis Power and Light offers several free programs for their customers. The program utilized for this pilot program was the Small Business Direct Install Program. With this program, an energy assessment was scheduled. Installers made a site visit and conducted a free assessment to check the status of lighting in the building and check for ballast compatibility. During the assessment, they also installed complimentary LED products to ensure that savings started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. In addition to this initial visit, the Direct Install Program also offers installation of occupancy sensors through Godby. These appointments are made around a month following the energy assessment, and installation of those sensors comes at no cost to the customer.

In the energy assessment at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (see Appendix II), 93 LED T8 replacement lamps were placed in the school hallways and several areas in the church. Another 57 LED lamps were installed in the church, school, parish center, and Bernadette Hall. One pre-rinse spray valve and one faucet aerator were placed in the school kitchen. For the future, IPL recommended 48 LED lamps for remaining areas in all four buildings. They also recommended occupancy sensors for bathrooms, hallways, classrooms and office spaces on the property.

Proposed 12-Month Sustainability Program

Below is the action plan which was created in conjunction with stakeholders in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. An initial meeting was held to discuss goals and priorities in each

area of assessment. In attendance for that discussion was the Pastor, the Principal of the school, and a member of the Maintenance staff.

In the energy category, stakeholders prioritized LED updates on the lighting. The gym lights currently consume the most energy, and they are due to be replaced within the next few months; those lights take priority. They would also like to update lighting in the kitchen and cafeteria area from T12 to T8 LED bulbs. They are interested in investing in the IPL Green Power Option.

In the waste management category, stakeholders would like to focus on recycling in the school. They want to create standardized signage for bins, and make the bins more visible in the cafeteria. They would like to start recycling at all events, and possibly invest in reusable dishes for the staff lounge.

In the outdoor space category, stakeholders want to find a process for maintaining the garden that was installed by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. They would also like to invest in rain barrels to harvest rainwater for watering flowers on the property.

In the transportation category, stakeholders want to encourage group rides/walks to school. Many of the students who attend the school live nearby, making this a feasible and safe option. They would also like to start educating parishioners about IndyGo and encourage parishioners to use the public bus system.

In the education category, stakeholders want to educate students, staff, and parishioners about recycling. They want to educate staff at staff retreats and meetings in order to gain buy-in for the program. They hope to strengthen the Creation Care team at the parish to gain enthusiasm and momentum with the program.

Below is the complete 12-month Sustainability Program for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church:

I. Energy

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Install occupancy sensors	\$*			Good
Update gym lights to LED	\$\$\$			Best
Update lighting in cafeteria and kitchen to LED	\$\$			Better
Update refrigerator	\$\$\$			Best
Use smart power strips	\$\$			Better
Create standardized signage to	\$			Good

remind people of good practices				
IPL Green Power Option	\$			Better
Maintain Portfolio Manager account	\$			Good

*This installation is free through Godby as part of the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program

Occupancy Sensor Installment

This ensures that lights are only turned on when someone is occupying the space; eliminates need for someone to be responsible for turning off the lights.

Gym Lights

This involves replacing old lighting in the gym to LED bulbs. It will reduce the wattage of the bulbs. It will also increase efficiency of the bulbs since the lights won’t need to be turned on for as long before they fully function.

Cafeteria and Kitchen Lights

This involves replacing the old T12 fixtures in the cafeteria to T8 LED bulbs. This will greatly reduce the wattage of the bulbs and therefore reduce energy use in the cafeteria/kitchen area of the school.

Refrigerator

Replacing the refrigerator will decrease the amount of energy being used by that appliance.

Smart Power Strips

These reduce energy use by taking away “vampire energy” that often stems from appliances being plugged in even when not in use.

Standardized Signage

This will give people friendly reminders about good practices such as turning lights off when not in use and unplugging appliances when not in use. It successfully reinforces good behavior and reduces energy use from a behavior standpoint.

IPL Green Power Option

This allows the parish to specify that part of their electricity be generated by a renewable source. Currently it costs \$0.0025 per kWh (in addition to standard IPL rates), and the source is Midwestern wind farms.

Portfolio Manager

This is a free program through EPA’s Energy Star. It allows the parish to track their energy savings and compare themselves to other parishes with similar size/functions. It will allow them to track their progress in energy-reducing efforts.

II. Water

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Save water in rain barrels	\$			Good
Use “green” cleaning products	\$			Better
Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads	\$\$			Best
Install faucets with sensors	\$\$			Best

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

“Green” Cleaning Products

Many modern cleaning products contain chemicals like phosphorus, which can harm water quality. Green cleaning products do not contain these chemicals.

Low-Flow Aerators/Showerheads

This reduces the amount of water that is used when a sink or shower is being used.

Faucets with Sensors

These faucets detect motion so that water is only used when needed.

III. Waste Management

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Invest in reusable dishes for the staff lounge	\$\$			Best
Streamline process in Bernadette Hall	\$			Better
Create standardized bin signage for gym and events	\$			Good
Start recycling at all events	\$\$			Better
Make bins more visible in the cafeteria	\$			Good
Invest in reusable dishes	\$\$			Best

for Bernadette Hall				
Eliminate Styrofoam	\$			Better

Reusable Dishes

This involves using reusable dishes in the student lounge and taking dirty dishes to the kitchen to be washed on a daily basis. It reduces the amount of waste generated by the school.

Streamline Process

Streamlining the process for using Bernadette Hall includes creating guidelines that would be communicated to anyone using the space. It would ensure that materials are being purchased only when necessary, eliminating unnecessary waste.

Standardized Signage

This gives visual reminders of what should be recycled, which will drive behavior towards good recycling habits.

Bin Visibility

This means putting recycling bins at more prominent, visible locations of the school, especially the cafeteria. This would make it easier for students to recycle during lunch.

Reusable Dishes

This would involve replacing disposable products with reusable dishes for bereavement meals and other events that take place in Bernadette Hall. It reduces the amount of overall waste generated by the parish.

Eliminate Styrofoam

Styrofoam cannot be recycled, so eliminating its use reduces the amount of waste heading directly into a landfill or to be burned in the city incinerator. This is also a problem because these products include toxins that are released when burned.

IV. Outdoor Space

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Maintain KIB garden	\$\$			Better
Buy a rain barrel for watering flowers	\$			Good
Reuse flowers if possible	\$			Better

KIB Garden

The garden often goes unmanaged because there isn’t a designated leader for that space. Maintaining the garden would keep the garden beautiful and would help those native plants thrive.

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

Reuse Flowers

This involves finding ways to reuse flowers that are used for weddings and other events in the church. This could include taking them to nursing homes, hospitals, or other areas that would enjoy their presence.

V. Transportation

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Start a “no idling” policy	\$			Good
Encourage carpooling	\$			Better
Encourage group rides/walks	\$			Best
Encourage using IndyGo and educate about its use	\$			Best

“No Idling” Policy

This involves parents shutting off their car while waiting in line to pick up their students from school. It cuts down on vehicle-related emissions.

Encourage Carpooling

This involves staff members who live relatively close to each other carpooling to work. It also includes students carpooling to school. This cuts down on vehicle-associated emissions.

Encourage Group Rides/Walks

Encouraging students to ride their bikes or walk to school together is a safe way to decrease vehicle-associated emissions while also strengthening the sense of community at the school.

IndyGo

The goal for this is to educate parishioners about the new bus system that is being constructed by IndyGo. It would encourage parishioners to take the bus instead of driving their single-occupant vehicle.

VI. Purchasing

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Take inventory of all products purchased within the parish	\$			Good
Create a green purchasing policy and implement it	\$\$			Best

Buy local goods/services	\$			Best
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Inventory

This involves taking an inventory of all goods and services that the parish purchases, as well as the source of those goods and services. This will allow the parish to see what they could potentially switch.

Green Purchasing Policy

A green purchasing policy states that products purchased will be less damaging to human health and the environment than competitors’ products.

Buy Local

This means resourcing goods and services to buy from local sources. It will cut down on vehicle-associated emissions and also help support the local economy.

VII. Education

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Host recycling workshops for parishioners, staff, students	\$\$			Better
Educate at staff retreats	\$			Better
Educate parishioners about smart ways to repurpose items	\$			Better
Monarch butterflies in the classroom	\$			Good
Host Laudato Si’ workshops	\$\$			Good
Strengthen and expand Creation Care team	\$			Best
Calculate carbon footprint before and after program	\$			Best

Recycling Workshops

This will educate parishioners on issues such as what can/can’t be recycled, where to take recycling, etc. It will increase recycling and decrease amount of waste being dumped into a landfill.

Educate Staff

This involves educating staff at the beginning of the school year about the goals for the parish, as well as the projects that the parish wants to complete. It helps achieve buy-in from the school.

Educate Parishioners

Educating parishioners about recycling, as well as unique ways to reuse and repurpose things, helps parishioners start these practices in their own homes. It extends creation care beyond the parish and into individual homes.

Monarch Butterflies

This is a good opportunity to teach students about not only the life cycle of butterflies, but also about the importance of pollinators for our ecosystems.

Laudato Si’ Workshops

This will provide an opportunity for parishioners to understand the importance of creation care, and will help gain buy-in for the program.

Expand Creation Care Team

Gaining more membership in the Creation Care team and increasing their scope by giving them charge of more projects will help support these projects and future endeavors in sustainability.

Carbon Footprint

This involves the parish looking at all their emission-generating activities and calculating a “footprint” for their operations. This is another way for them to get a baseline so that they can track their progress and compare their footprint at the beginning and end of the program.

Conclusions

Overall, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is currently at a moderate status. They have already started updating lights to LED bulbs. They have a recycling program in the school and recently started recycling at their annual fall festival. They have some native landscaping on their property, and have many trees located on the property as well. A portion of their students walk or ride their bike to school, and many parishioners do the same for Mass.

Key elements of their action plan include LED updates, recycling at the school, and streamlining the process for Bernadette Hall. The gym lights will be prioritized first, followed by the kitchen and cafeteria; remaining areas of the school will follow. Educating students about recycling, along with creating standardized signage for recycling bins and starting recycling at all events, will greatly increase the recycling rates in both the school and the parish. Streamlining the process for Bernadette Hall will greatly reduce the amount of waste generated by activities in the space. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year will be crucial to increasing buy-in from the school. Education parishioners and actively partaking in the Season of Creation activities will help engage the parish at large.

Attachments:

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Appendix I

Energy Assessment

Date: 05/28/19

Lighting

Are lights turned off when daylight is bright enough?	Sometimes
Has there been an effort to use energy-efficient light bulbs when incandescent bulbs burn out?	LED in classrooms, incandescent in hallways, incandescent in church (but working on LED); T12 in Parish Center
Are lights/lamps/fixtures clean?	Yes
Are blinds/curtains used to shade the building(s)? Are they closed at night?	
Are external lights kept on in the daytime?	No
Are the lights turned off at night?	Mostly; all classrooms have motion sensors
Are gym lights turned off when not in use?	No (mercury, takes a long time to get on)
How do you adjust classroom/hallway/kitchen spaces for breaks/holidays?	All lights remain off, lights only come on in the spaces that are being used
Is there signage reminding staff to turn off lights when not in use?	Bathrooms, lounge

Heating/Cooling

Do off-hour activities extend operating hours for energy-using systems?	
Is natural cooling (outside air) utilized?	5 classrooms and offices have window AC units, rest use windows
Are there any guidelines on indoor temperature use? How do you handle the thermostats on a day-to-day basis? Where are they located? Are they vulnerable to occupant adjustment? What are the settings for heating and cooling season? Is it adjusted for unoccupied periods?	Temp "is what it is" Machines don't get fixed properly, they get fixed easily
What's the maintenance schedule for the HVAC systems?	Checked regularly
Is heating/AC used in unoccupied spaces?	
Are radiators blocked by furniture or other things which can restrict circulation?	No
Are electric space heaters used anywhere?	
Is the exhaust system operation programmed?	No
Is there any sort of maintenance routine for checking leaks/cracks in pipes?	
Are boilers maintained on a scheduled basis?	Yes; one in school for both church and school
Is there insulation on the roof space?	
Are there any cracked windows?	
Is there evidence of issues with double glazing in windows (moisture between panes)?	

Do the windows/doors stay closed when heat/AC is on?	
Could the building reduce heat by closing blinds or using reflective film in windows?	
Is AC run at the same time as heating?	
Does the chiller operate during cold weather to provide AC?	
Do multiple AC compressors start simultaneously?	
Do multiple boilers/heaters fire simultaneously?	

Additional Comments: Most HVAC systems don't work very well (they are around 60 years old); boiler isn't usually turned on until November

Water

Are there evident water leaks/drips?	
Are water temperatures reduced during unoccupied periods?	
What is the hot water temperature set at?	130 (guess); 120 for school
Are water fountains on a timer?	No
Are there devices in place to conserve heated water?	No; 3 water heaters (kitchen, school, PC) +2 (rectory, church)

Equipment

Is equipment kept on "energy saving" mode during the day?	All machines have energy saving mode, and that mode is always on
Can computers be switched off during the day?	Yes, but they aren't
Are the computer, fax machines, photocopiers, etc turned off at night?	Teacher discretion
Can a 7-day timer be put on some of the equipment (water coolers, vending machines, photocopiers)?	n/a
Do vending machines remain energized during unoccupied periods?	n/a
Are fridges placed next to heat sources?	
Is the fridge thermostat working properly and set to the right temp?	Yes
Are icemakers turned off?	
Are microwaves, coffee machines, etc. unplugged after use?	No
Are any of the appliances upgraded to energy-efficient models?	No (most appliances upgraded in 2007); last year bought a new ice machine and warming oven
Is there signage informing staff of these energy-saving strategies?	No

Additional Comments: computers run all summer (one computer lab with around 30 computers, every teacher has one in their classroom); new voltage is needed for cooling (trying to get away from boiler)

Appendix II

IPL Report

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ENERGY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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Congratulations! By requesting this Energy Assessment, you've taken an important step towards improving your building's energy efficiency and managing your energy use. Effective energy management can result in lower electricity consumption, reduced operating costs, and increased reliability of building systems.

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DIRECT INSTALL PROJECT SAVINGS SUMMARY

During your assessment, energy efficient products were installed to help you start saving energy today. The table below summarizes your efficiency project including efficient equipment, estimated energy savings, and energy cost savings.

Equipment Installed	Quantity	Installed Product Value (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)*
Pre-Rinse Spray Valves	1	\$75	7629
Faucet Aerators	1	\$8	141
LED T8 Replacement Lamps	93	\$1395	7340
LED Lamps	57	\$810	12246

These savings are just the start of your potential energy management opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

In the following report, you will find a summary of additional energy saving recommended for your business. For each recommendation, we provide estimates for potential energy savings, energy cost savings, and incentives available through the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program.

Moving forward with these recommendations can save additional energy and improve your business's bottom line. With project incentives and program support, starting your next energy saving project is easy.

Ready to start saving? Work with your contractor to find the project mix that works best for you and find out how the IPL Business Energy Incentives Program can help.

Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ or contact us at 888.982.7071 with any questions.

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Energy Efficiency Opportunity Assessment Report

Based on an analysis of your building's existing equipment we recommend completing the following energy efficiency projects. For each recommendation, we've estimated the cost after incentives, energy savings, and simple payback after program incentives. These estimates will help you plan for and complete your next efficiency project.

RECOMMENDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

Recommended Equipment	Efficient Equipment Type	Quantity	Estimated Cost After Incentives (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)	Simple Payback After Incentives (Years)
Lighting Replacements	Lighting	48.00	6356	116148	4.1
LED Lighting Controls	Lighting	20.00	1433	1776	8.1
Refrigerator Freezer	Refrigeration	4.00	8610	5455	2.8

Lighting

LEDs are a highly efficient lighting technology that can significantly reduce your energy costs. LEDs are long lasting, which can help reduce maintenance costs compared to traditional lighting systems with lamps and ballasts. Additionally, LEDs are typically compatible with lighting controls, such as Occupancy Sensors and Daylighting Controls. Adding lighting controls to your LED project will help further reduce energy use and operating costs.

To qualify for rebates, LED screw-in lamps need to be ENERGY STAR listed, and LED tubes and fixtures need to be listed on the DesignLights Consortium's Qualified Product List. Please confirm the current program guidelines for complete eligibility requirements before purchasing your LEDs.

Refrigeration

Commercial refrigeration systems are often overlooked as a source of energy savings and operations cost reductions. Upgrading your refrigeration system with efficient components such as high-efficiency motors, anti-sweat heat controls, open case covers, and LED case lights will significantly reduce the amount of energy used by this system.

PROGRAM RESOURCES AND DISCLAIMER

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Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ for current rebate offerings or additional information on project requirements and terms of program participation.

The report recommendations provided are based on responses to a survey on building systems, equipment, and occupancy completed by a site representative. Estimated energy savings, energy costs savings, and recommended project costs are based on average program values. Project costs, savings, rebates, and paybacks are not guaranteed. Program offerings, availability, and rebate levels are subject to change at any time.

IPL reserves the right to change elements of the program without notice.

Appendix III

Waste Management Assessment

Date: 06/17/19

General Questions

<p>Check major waste generating activities.</p> <p>Make a star next to the ones that generate the most waste.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kitchen wastes (school lunches, Sunday mass, special events)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping (yard clippings)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shipping containers (cardboard)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others (please explain):</p>
How many times does waste get collected each week?	Twice a week
How much waste do you generate each week that is placed in a dumpster? (How many dumpsters are full?)	One dumpster of waste, one dumpster of recycling
Have you mapped where bins and dumpsters are located?	
What is the current waste handling cost?	\$4,700/year
How is waste handled that's generated by the rectory?	
What do employees typically do for lunch?	Rectory – bring lunch from home
Are there vending/soda machines anywhere? How many?	No
Is e-mail encouraged (rather than printing out paper)?	Yes
Do printers have double-sided capabilities? If so, do you encourage double-sided copies?	Yes, yes.
Do you buy paper/office supplies made from recycled content?	Yes
What's the process for determining the need for office supplies?	
How much of the waste generated in a week would you estimate is compostable? How much is actually composted?	
Does leftover food get donated to charities?	
Do you have composting capability on-site?	Rectory collects compost material and it is picked up
Do you reuse or repurpose anything? Explain.	
Are there any unused items (furniture, equipment, etc) being stored in the building that could be reused?	Yes
How much recycled material do you estimate is generated each week? How much is actually recycled?	

Is there a recycling program in place? If yes, how often does recycling get collected?	Yes, once a week
How many recycling bins are there? Where are they located?	Parish office-each office has a paper recycling bin, plus 2 other bins in common spaces. Rectory has recycling bins located in kitchen.
Please provide details of any waste reduction/recycling efforts (including special events, festivals, sporting events, etc).	Recycling containers used for festival
What percentage of your parishioners (or students, faculty, staff) do you estimate recycles their waste at home?	
Are there dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges?	No
Is there standardized bin signage for recycling/trash bins?	No
Are there posters/other materials reminding users of good recycling practices?	Yes
What materials would you prioritize if a recycling program was in place?	Paper, plastic, aluminum in the school (cafeteria)

Waste Audit

Recyclable items	Is this in your trash?	What Percentage?
Paper (e.g., office paper, mail, magazines, shredded paper, file folders, packing paper)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	100%
Paper boxes (e.g. cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, supplies and electronics boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	100%
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	100%
Plastic bottles, jugs, cups, food containers (clean), packaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	90%
Metal cans and pans (rinsed) from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	90%
Cartons (milk and broth cartons, juice boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	90%
Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	90%
Organic material (food scraps, napkins)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Appendix IV

Waste Management Assessment: Festivals and Ministries

Fall Festival

What festival are you in charge of?	OLL Fall Festival
Describe the activities at your event.	Carnival rides, Silent Auction, Major Raffle, food, beer, Texas Poker, Rummage Sale, kids' games, entertainment
What materials are you responsible for purchasing?	Table coverings, kids' prizes, plates, silverware, napkins, soda, water, fliers, banner & more that I can't think of at the moment
What kind of materials do you buy? (what they are made of, reusable/disposable, etc)	Almost all are one-time use; prizes go home with kids
Is there any sort of recycling present at the event? Please explain.	Yes. Last year cans and signs were received from an organization so cans and plastic bottles could be recycled. Cardboard is recycled.
Describe how waste is handled at the event.	We get an extra dumpster for trash for the event. We rent two port-a-pots for human waste (probably not what you meant by waste).

Irvington Brewfest

What festival are you in charge of?	Irvington BrewFest
Describe the activities at your event.	Beer Sampling / drinking Food Trucks Music
What materials are you responsible for purchasing?	Table coverings Decor (fabric, candles, centerpieces, lights)
What kind of materials do you buy? (what they are made of, reusable/disposable, etc)	plastic table covering (disposable) All kinds of materials for decor (mostly reused from year-to-year) In the past, breweries have brought their own plastic tasting cups.
Is there any sort of recycling present at the event? Please explain.	No
Describe how waste is handled at the event.	Trash cans

Additional Comments:

I have considered doing something else besides plastic tasting cups for beer sampling. There are advantages and disadvantages to having the samples poured directly into the pint glass that every participant receives. Haven't decided what I'll be doing this year yet.

Family Promise

How often does your parish host families for Family Promise?	OLL partners with six other churches to host families one week each quarter. OLL's commitment is to care for the families one day each quarter.
Please describe the facility that family members are housed in.	Up to four families are hosted at Irvington Presbyterian Church (IPC). The beds are transported with the families.
What materials are you responsible for purchasing for Family Promise?	The host churches are responsible for providing linens (twin XL) for the beds (except pillows/pillow cases), towels/washcloths, backup toiletries, dinner, breakfast and bagged lunch provisions.
How is waste handled while family members are present?	All linens are washed and reused. The toiletries are sent with families to the next host group. Unused dinner food is used for lunches. Other unused food is used for the many other ministries that meet at IPC.
How much waste is generated during a typical time period that the families are hosted?	Regular dishes are used for meals and are washed. The main waste generated with this ministry would be food containers, like milk/juice jugs and cardboard boxes.
Is there recycling at the facility? Is it encouraged?	Food waste containers are currently thrown in the regular trash. I did not see a recycling container in the kitchen area but will check with the church to see if it's in a different location.

Bereavement Meals Ministry and Hospitality Ministry (Interview Notes)

- Fewer meals this year than in the past
 - 9 this fiscal year (last meal was in March), 13 previous year, 12 year before that
- Amount of people served varies on the family
 - Smallest was 12 people; some families hit 75-100
- Parish provides dishes, drinks, entrées
- Donations are from a call list, most of the stuff is homemade
- Asked that dishes are donated in disposable aluminum pans
 - Will sometimes wash and reuse aluminum pans
 - Occasionally, people will bring their own instead of using aluminum
- Volunteers help set up and prepare food
- All paper products or plastic, disposable
 - Cash and Carry is the supplier

- No longer use Styrofoam cups
- Compostable plates for dinner, thinner plates for dessert
- Try to be smart with cutting desserts (let people self-serve so that they aren't wasting plates cutting the desserts up-front)
- Leftover food is donated to Wheeler Mission (women and children's center as well as main facility)
- People would probably be willing to help wash dishes
 - At other events, dishes are washed by volunteers; sometimes there are too many people trying to wash dishes
 - Biggest problem would be when there are large families or more people present at the funeral meal
 - Time is an issue
- Wouldn't want to do glassware for dishes (cups)
- No dishwasher – might consider investing in one?
- Share supplies with other ministries
 - Coffee and donuts ministry (contact Sally Bennett)
 - Open for rental (graduation parties and other events)
 - Staff meetings, professional development days
 - RCIA (contact Rachael Vroom)
 - Spiritual Journey Committee (Feast and Faith events)
 - Men's prayer group
 - Ash Wednesday meal
 - Ceramic bowls
 - People wash dishes afterwards
 - Lenten soup dines (rotate around Irvington community churches, OLL hosts once or twice per year)
 - Ceramic bowls
 - People wash dishes afterwards
 - Christmas dinner
 - May use kitchen in cafeteria, then transport food
 - Halloween spooky organ/music concert (offer fellowship afterwards)
 - Serve around 70 people
- *****Purchasing isn't streamlined ***** **(biggest issue)**
 - No accountability with supplies in the space
 - No communication about use of space
- Plastic tablecloths, get thrown away
- 1 or 2 full bags of trash after each meal
- No recycling for meals
 - Not much is produced
 - Anything that is recyclable is taken home by coordinator of meals to recycle
- Supplies are shared, but each ministry has their own budget – as a result, stuff expires and has to be thrown out (coffee canisters, condiments)

Appendix V

Outdoor Space Assessment

Date: 06/25/19

How many acres does the parish own?	Unsure
Estimate the percentage of that land that is non-hard surface (no parking lots or buildings).	Less than 25%
Describe the landscaping on the property.	Grass, flowers, small garden (KIB, received a grant about 15 years ago)
How many trees are planted on the property? What types of trees are they?	At least 30-40; some are original (1909) including oak tree in front of church
Are there flowers planted on the property?	yes
Are there any ponds, lakes, or natural springs on the property?	no
How often is grass typically mowed?	Once/week
How are grass clippings handled?	Left on grass
How is other outdoor waste (leaves, sticks, etc) handled?	Bagged and disposed of
Is the lawn treated? How often and with what kind of materials?	Yes. Fall & Spring. Organic based treatment.
Are pesticides/fertilizers used anywhere? If yes, please explain the kind of chemical used and how it is used on the property.	Fertilizer used on grass Sparingly use pesticides (hire a company to spray in the kitchen for Board of Health purposes)
Are there any native plants on the property? If so, describe the type of plant and where they are located.	KIB garden
Is the lawn watered? If so, how often?	No
Are the athletic fields watered? How often?	N/A
What is the source of water used for irrigation?	Hose
Is rainwater harvested and used for irrigation?	No
How is roof water directed?	Storm drains
How is runoff handled from the property? (drainage to stormsewers, retention/detention ponds, raingardens, etc)	Stormdrains
Are there sump pumps from the basements to discharge water, keeping the basement dry?	No; drains in most of the basements
What time of day is the property watered?	N/A
Is there a sprinkler system in place? If so, is there a timer or quick shut-off valves on the system?	No
Is there a vegetable garden on the property?	No
Is mulch used on the property? How much is purchased and how often is it purchased? What is the source of the mulch?	Yes. Purchased annually (at least 25 yards a year); used for playground and landscaping; Indiana Mulch and Stone LLC
Are the athletic fields grass or turf?	N/A

Appendix VI

Transportation Assessment

Date: 06/25/19

Parish

How many families attend your parish?	700 registered, about 500 show up to Mass
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate drive to Mass and other church events?	85%
How many do you estimate carpool?	1%
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate walk/bike to Mass and other church events?	15%
Are there public bus stations near your parish? How many?	Yes, but people typically don't ride the bus
Are there bike racks around the church building? How many?	Yes; 2
What's the farthest distance anyone has to travel to church?	20 miles (guess)
Is there a vehicle for the parish priest?	He has his own
Are any of the church vehicles hybrid/electric?	No
How many miles do priest/church vehicles drive in a week? In a year?	

School

How many employees and students drive to work/school on a daily basis?	30 teachers/staff, 230 students (190 families)
What's the longest distance a student/family drives to school?	20 miles
What percentage of students get picked-up/dropped-off at school by their parents?	80%
What time is pick-up for students? How long do parents typically wait in line to pick up their kids?	Pick-up at 3:05; start arriving at 2:45 and are usually gone by 3:15; "no idling" encouraged
What percentage of students walk/ride their bike to school?	20%
Do you have school buses? How many? What percentage of students are eligible for bus services?	No
What percentage of students take the bus to school?	0
How many days in a week are the school buses used? How many days in a year?	0
Are there bike racks on your property? How many?	2
How many students drive to school?	0

Do students carpool? Is there an incentive to carpool?	N/A
Do students pay for parking passes?	N/A
Are there any other vehicles owned by the parish/school? Please list them and explain what their use(s) is/are.	No

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Final Report

Introduction

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Facility Description

St. Matthew Catholic Church is located at 4100 East 56th Street on the northeast side of Indianapolis. The parish has around 1,100 families and approximately 350 students in attendance at the school. There are three main functions of the parish: the church, the school, and the parish office. These are all housed in the same building.

The HVAC system at the church is programmed. Every room and large area has an HVAC controller that is linked to a master control. Temperature in the room is controlled at a local level through set points, and there is limited adjustment available to the occupants. Universal programs such as occupied and unoccupied schedules are managed through the master control.

Pilot Self Evaluation

St. Matthew Catholic Church completed self-assessments in the following areas of operation: energy/building operations, waste management, outdoor space, and transportation. Below are key findings from each assessment.

Energy and Building Operations (See Appendix I): The parish is starting the process of replacing incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs. Gym lights are usually turned off when the space is unoccupied, but lights in many parts of the building remain turned on during operating hours. The HVAC system is controlled by a computer; however, unoccupied spaces still receive

heated/chilled air. Systems are maintained on a scheduled basis. There is no signage reminding parishioners, staff, and students of good practices.

Waste Management (See Appendix III): Most of the waste generated from the parish comes from organic waste (especially school lunches). Currently, the parish and school only recycle paper. There are no recycling bins in classrooms; however, there are two large bins placed on every floor of the school. Additionally, bins have standardized signage. There are also dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges. There’s no signage reminding parishioners, staff, and students about good recycling practices.

Outdoor Space (See Appendix IV): The parish owns three acres, and about 30% of that is green space. Grass is mowed weekly. Yard waste is hauled away. Runoff is directed to the storm sewers. The football field is watered every night, but no other part of the property is watered. In addition, there is a vegetable garden located on the property. No pesticides or fertilizers are used either on the garden or the lawn.

Transportation (See Appendix V): Of the 1,200 families that attend St. Matthew Catholic Church, most of them drive to Mass and other events. 100% of employees drive to work, and 100% of students are picked up and dropped off by their parents. The parish is located at the corner of a busy intersection that does not have crosswalks, which makes walking or biking to school dangerous for students. Pick-up for the school starts at 3 PM, and parents typically wait no longer than fifteen minutes.

Energy Audit Description

Indianapolis Power and Light offers several free programs for their customers. The program utilized for this pilot program was the Small Business Direct Install Program. With this program, an energy assessment was scheduled. Two installers came to the site and conducted a free assessment to check the status of lighting in the building and check for ballast compatibility. During the assessment, they also installed complimentary LED products to ensure that savings started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. In addition to this initial visit, the Direct Install program also offers installation of occupancy sensors through Godby. These appointments are made around a month following the energy assessment, and installation of those sensors comes at no cost to the customer.

In the energy assessment at St. Matthew Catholic Church (see Appendix II), 115 LED T8 replacement lamps were installed in the cafeteria. An additional 47 LED lamps were placed in the narthex and in the Daily Mass chapel. IPL recommended that the parish install another 129 LED replacements for the remaining bulbs that have not been converted. They further recommended occupancy sensors for areas such as restrooms and hallways. Lastly, they recommended the installment of more efficient appliances such as a new fryer, dishwasher, oven, and refrigerator freezer.

Proposed 12-Month Sustainability Program

Below is the action plan which was created in conjunction with stakeholders in St. Matthew Catholic Church. An initial meeting was held to discuss goals and priorities in each area of assessment. In attendance for that discussion was the Pastor, the Pastoral Assistant/Operations Manager, the Business Manager, the Administrative Assistant, and a member of Maintenance.

In the energy category, there is much room for growth and progress. The priority for stakeholders is to replace the roof lights and gym lights with LED bulbs, since those fixtures are currently the ones consuming the most energy. They also want to be more diligent with keeping thermostat settings closer to the recommended temperatures during unoccupied periods.

In the waste management category, plastic recycling is the key focus. Currently, the school only recycles paper, and there aren’t recycling bins in every classroom. The goal is to start recycling plastic and increase the amount of recycling bins present in the building.

In the outdoor space category, stakeholders would like to start composting. This would go well with the vegetable garden on the property. They would also like to plant a pollinator garden with a focus on plants that are attractive to butterflies.

In the transportation category, the opportunities are limited. The parish is located at the corner of a busy intersection without crosswalks, which makes biking and walking to school unsafe for students. However, stakeholders discussed creating a “no idling” policy for parents who are waiting to pick up their students.

In the education category, stakeholders would like to focus on teaching students the importance of not being wasteful (with an emphasis on food waste). To assist in this, they considered the possibility of having the students conduct a food waste audit during lunch. They would also like to host Laudato Si’ presentations for parishioners to educate others about the importance of creation care.

Below is the complete 12-month Sustainability Program for Holy Spirit Catholic Church:

I. Energy

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Install occupancy sensors	\$*			Good
Update roof lights to LED	\$			Better
Update gym lights to LED	\$			Better
LED replacements in rest of the school and church	\$\$			Better
Replace old appliances with Energy Star alternatives	\$\$\$			Best
Set thermostat temperatures closer to recommended	\$			Best
Use smart power	\$\$			Better

strips in offices and classrooms				
Create signage reminding about good behaviors	\$			Good
Invest in IPL Green Power Option	\$			Better
Maintain Portfolio Manager account	\$			Good

*This installation is free through Godby as part of the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program

Occupancy Sensor Installment

This ensures that lights are only turned on when someone is occupying the space; eliminates need for someone to be responsible for turning off the lights

LED Replacements

This involves replacing old incandescent/fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs. LED bulbs use less energy (which will also save money in the long run). LED bulbs can be purchased with a rebate since the parish completed IPL’s Direct Install Program.

Energy Star Efficient Appliances

This involves buying appliances that have the Energy Star logo on them. These appliances use less energy than their counterparts. The parish can also receive a rebate through IPL for purchasing these appliances.

Adjust Thermostat Temperatures

This involves setting thermostat heat/cool settings closer to outside temperature during unoccupied periods. This would ensure that space isn’t being unnecessarily heated/cooled and would also save energy.

Smart Power Strips

These reduce energy use by taking away “vampire energy” that often stems from appliances being plugged in even when not in use.

Standardized Signage

This will give people friendly reminders about good practices such as turning lights off when not in use and unplugging appliances when not in use. It successfully reinforces good behavior and reduces energy use from a behavior standpoint.

IPL Green Power Option

This allows the parish to specify that part of their electricity be generated by a renewable source. Currently it costs \$0.0025 per kWh (in addition to standard IPL rates), and the source is Midwestern wind farms.

Portfolio Manager

This is a free program through EPA’s Energy Star. It allows the parish to track their energy savings and compare themselves to other parishes with similar size/functions. It will allow them to track their progress in energy-reducing efforts.

II. Water Use

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Save water in rain barrels	\$			Good
Use “green” cleaning products	\$			Better
Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads	\$\$			Best
Install faucets with sensors	\$\$			Best

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

“Green” Cleaning Products

Many modern cleaning products contain chemicals like phosphorus, which can harm water quality. Green cleaning products do not contain these chemicals.

Low-Flow Aerators/Showerheads

This reduces the amount of water that is used when a sink or shower is being used.

Faucets with Sensors

These faucets detect motion so that water is only used when needed.

III. Waste Management

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Start recycling plastic	\$			Better
Create standardized signage for bins	\$			Good
Place recycling bins in every classroom and office*	\$			Good
Start composting in the kitchen	\$			Best
Eliminate Styrofoam products	\$\$			Best

*An alternate option is place only recycling bins in every room and place trash cans in more central locations (such as main areas or hallways) to make recycling easier than throwing waste in the trash cans

Recycle Plastic

This involves creating a standardized recycling program for plastic to decrease the amount of plastic waste that heads to a landfill or incinerator.

Standardized Signage

This gives visual reminders of what should be recycled, which will drive behavior towards good recycling habits

Recycling Bin Placement

This involves placing recycling bins in every classroom and office space along with the trash cans. It creates easier access to recycling and will increase recycling in the parish.

Composting

This involves collecting organic waste such as peels, grass, and leaves. Compost provides essential nutrients for plant growth and saves food waste and other organic waste from being directed to a landfill.

Eliminate Styrofoam

Styrofoam cannot be recycled, so eliminating its use reduces the amount of waste heading directly into a landfill or to be burned in the city incinerator. This is also a problem because these products include toxins that are released when burned.

IV. Outdoor Space

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Start composting	\$			Better
Plant native landscaping	\$\$			Better
Plant pollinator garden	\$\$\$			Best
Buy a rain barrel to harvest water for garden	\$\$			Good

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Native Landscaping

Native plants are adapted to the conditions of Indiana, so they require less water and less maintenance. They also provide a habitat for wildlife.

Pollinator Garden

This provides a habitat and food for pollinators, which are vital to the cultivation of flowers, plants, and crops.

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

V. Transportation

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Start a “no idling” policy	\$			Better
Encourage staff carpooling	\$			Good

“No Idling” Policy

This involves parents shutting off their car while waiting in line to pick up their students from school. It cuts down on vehicle-related emissions.

Encourage Carpooling

This involves staff members who live relatively close to each other carpooling to work. It cuts down on vehicle-associated emissions.

VI. Purchasing

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Take inventory of all products purchased within the parish (and source)	\$			Good
Create a green purchasing policy and implement it	\$\$			Best
Buy local goods/services	\$			Best

Inventory

This involves taking an inventory of all goods and services that the parish purchases, as well as the source of those goods and services. This will allow the parish to see what they could potentially switch.

Green Purchasing Policy

A green purchasing policy states that products purchased will be less damaging to human health and the environment than competitors’ products.

Buy Local

This means resourcing goods and services to buy from local sources. It will cut down on vehicle-associated emissions and also help support the local economy.

VII. Education

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Teach students about the importance of not wasting	\$			Good
Conduct a food waste audit	\$\$			Better
Incorporate sustainability-related topics into curriculum	\$\$			Best
Monarch butterflies in the classroom	\$\$			Good
Educate staff at staff meetings/retreats	\$			Best
Laudato Si’ presentations for parishioners	\$\$			Best
Calculate carbon footprint before and after program	\$			Better

Teach about Wastefulness

Students will be taught the importance of conserving resources such as food and paper. It would integrate this thought process into their daily habits and lifestyle.

Food Waste Audit

Students will keep track of all the food being thrown away at lunch for a week. The goal is to show students how much food is wasted, explain how that food could be feeding hungry people, and therefore decrease food waste in the school.

Sustainability Curriculum

This involves teaching more ecology-based topics. It would introduce sustainability to students and allow teachers to explain how creation care is an important part of Catholic Social Teaching.

Monarch Butterflies

This is a good opportunity to teach students about not only the life cycle of butterflies, but also about the importance of pollinators for our ecosystems.

Educate Staff

This involves educating staff at the beginning of the school year about the goals for the parish, as well as the projects that the parish wants to complete. It helps achieve buy-in from the school.

Carbon Footprint

This involves the parish looking at all their emission-generating activities and calculating a “footprint” for their operations. This is another way for them to get a baseline so that they can track their progress and compare their footprint at the beginning and end of the program.

Conclusions

St. Matthew Catholic Church is currently at a beginning status. They are starting the process of replacing old light fixtures with LED bulbs. They have a programmable thermostat system, which makes it easier to control those temperatures. They also recycle paper as a parish/school system, and there are some efforts being made to recycle plastic in the rectory. They have an organic vegetable garden that is used to collect produce for food pantries, and water only the athletic fields.

Key elements of the action plan for St. Matthew Catholic Church are increased energy efficiency and increased recycling efforts. Their priorities are to replace old roof lighting and gym lighting with LED bulbs, which will greatly decrease their energy use. They also want to start recycling plastic, which will decrease their carbon footprint by decreasing the amount of waste headed to a landfill or incinerator. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year will be crucial to increasing buy-in from the school. Educating parishioners and actively partaking in the Season of Creation activities will help engage the parish at large.

Attachments:

- Appendix I Energy Assessment
- Appendix II IPL Report
- Appendix III Waste Management Assessment
- Appendix IV Outdoor Space Assessment
- Appendix V Transportation Assessment

Appendix I

Energy Assessment

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Lighting

Are lights turned off when daylight is bright enough?	No
Has there been an effort to use energy-efficient light bulbs when incandescent bulbs burn out?	Yes
Are lights/lamps/fixtures clean?	Yes
Are blinds/curtains used to shade the building(s)? Are they closed at night?	Yes
Are external lights kept on in the daytime?	No
Are the lights turned off at night?	Yes
Are gym lights turned off when not in use?	Sometimes
How do you adjust classroom/hallway/kitchen spaces for breaks/holidays?	Lights are turned off
Is there signage reminding staff to turn off lights when not in use?	No

Heating/Cooling

Do off-hour activities extend operating hours for energy-using systems?	Yes
Is natural cooling (outside air) utilized?	Yes
Are there any guidelines on indoor temperature use? How do you handle the thermostats on a day-to-day basis? Where are they located? Are they vulnerable to occupant adjustment? What are the settings for heating and cooling season? Is it adjusted for unoccupied periods?	HVAC system is controlled by computer
What's the maintenance schedule for the HVAC systems?	Checked weekly or daily
Is heating/AC used in unoccupied spaces?	Yes
Are radiators blocked by furniture or other things which can restrict circulation?	No
Are electric space heaters used anywhere?	No
Is the exhaust system operation programmed?	Yes
Is there any sort of maintenance routine for checking leaks/cracks in pipes?	Yes
Are boilers maintained on a scheduled basis?	Yes
Is there insulation on the roof space?	Yes
Are there any cracked windows?	No

Is there evidence of issues with double glazing in windows (moisture between panes)?	No
Do the windows/doors stay closed when heat/AC is on?	Yes
Could the building reduce heat by closing blinds or using reflective film in windows?	No
Is AC run at the same time as heating?	No
Does the chiller operate during cold weather to provide AC?	As needed
Do multiple AC compressors start simultaneously?	No
Do multiple boilers/heaters fire simultaneously?	No

Water

Are there evident water leaks/drips?	No
Are water temperatures reduced during unoccupied periods?	No
What is the hot water temperature set at?	
Are water fountains on a timer so they only provide cold water when building is occupied?	No
Are there devices in place to conserve heated water?	Yes

Equipment

Is equipment kept on "energy saving" mode during the day?	Yes
Can computers be switched off during the day?	Yes
Are the computer, fax machines, photocopiers, etc turned off at night?	Yes
Can a 7-day timer be put on some of the equipment (water coolers, vending machines, photocopiers)?	No
Do vending machines remain energized during unoccupied periods?	None
Are fridges placed next to heat sources?	No
Is the fridge thermostat working properly and set to the right temp?	Yes
Are icemakers turned off?	No
Are microwaves, coffee machines, etc. unplugged after use?	Yes
Are any of the appliances upgraded to energy-efficient models?	Yes
Is there signage informing staff of these energy-saving strategies?	No

Appendix II

IPL Report

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ENERGY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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Congratulations! By requesting this Energy Assessment, you've taken an important step towards improving your building's energy efficiency and managing your energy use. Effective energy management can result in lower electricity consumption, reduced operating costs, and increased reliability of building systems.

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DIRECT INSTALL PROJECT SAVINGS SUMMARY

During your assessment, energy efficient products were installed to help you start saving energy today. The table below summarizes your efficiency project including efficient equipment, estimated energy savings, and energy cost savings.

Equipment Installed	Quantity	Installed Product Value (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)*
LED T8 Replacement Lamps	115	\$1725	9077
LED Lamps	47	\$1326	14081

These savings are just the start of your potential energy management opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

In the following report, you will find a summary of additional energy saving recommended for your business. For each recommendation, we provide estimates for potential energy savings, energy cost savings, and incentives available through the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program.

Moving forward with these recommendations can save additional energy and improve your business's bottom line. With project incentives and program support, starting your next energy saving project is easy.

Ready to start saving? Work with your contractor to find the project mix that works best for you and find out how the IPL Business Energy Incentives Program can help.

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Energy Efficiency Opportunity Assessment Report

Based on an analysis of your building's existing equipment we recommend completing the following energy efficiency projects. For each recommendation, we've estimated the cost after incentives, energy savings, and simple payback after program incentives. These estimates will help you plan for and complete your next efficiency project.

RECOMMENDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

Recommended Equipment	Efficient Equipment Type	Quantity	Estimated Cost After Incentives (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)	Simple Payback After Incentives (Years)
Lighting Replacements	Lighting	129.00	1700	52713	5.5
LED Lighting Controls	Lighting	6.00	430	533	8.1
Fryers	Appliances & Food Service Equipment	1.00	4640	3052	1.1
Dishwashers	Appliances & Food Service Equipment	1.00	9500	22801	0.2
Ovens	Appliances & Food Service Equipment	1.00	2700	3235	2.2
Refrigerator Freezer	Refrigeration	3.00	5960	2669	1.5

Lighting

LEDs are a highly efficient lighting technology that can significantly reduce your energy costs. LEDs are long lasting, which can help reduce maintenance costs compared to traditional lighting systems with lamps and ballasts. Additionally, LEDs are typically compatible with lighting controls, such as Occupancy Sensors and Daylighting Controls. Adding lighting controls to your LED project will help further reduce energy use and operating costs.

To qualify for rebates, LED screw-in lamps need to be ENERGY STAR listed, and LED tubes and fixtures need to be listed on the DesignLights Consortium's Qualified Product List. Please confirm the current program guidelines for complete eligibility requirements before purchasing your LEDs.

Appliances & Food Service Equipment

Consider upgrading to highly efficient ENERGY STAR commercial appliances and food service equipment, which will save energy and reduce maintenance costs. Plus, many types of ENERGY STAR food service equipment will qualify for program rebates. Check with your vendor about available rebates before making your purchase.

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Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ for current rebate offerings or additional information on project requirements and terms of program participation.

The report recommendations provided are based on responses to a survey on building systems, equipment, and occupancy completed by a site representative. Estimated energy savings, energy costs savings, and recommended project costs are based on average program values. Project costs, savings, rebates, and paybacks are not guaranteed. Program offerings, availability, and rebate levels are subject to change at any time.

IPL reserves the right to change elements of the program without notice.

Appendix III

Waste Management Assessment

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General Questions

Check major waste generating activities. Make a star next to the ones that generate the most waste.	<input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kitchen wastes (school lunches, Sunday mass, special events) <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping (yard clippings) <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping containers (cardboard) <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please explain):
How many times does waste get collected each week?	Everyday
How much waste do you generate each week that is placed in a dumpster? (How many dumpsters are full?)	2 x'n
Have you mapped where bins and dumpsters are located?	No
What is the current waste handling cost?	
How is waste handled that's generated by the rectory?	Dumpster
What do employees typically do for lunch?	Bring lunch
Are there vending/soda machines anywhere? How many?	No
Is e-mail encouraged (rather than printing out paper)?	Yes
Do printers have double-sided capabilities? If so, do you encourage double-sided copies?	Yes
Do you buy paper/office supplies made from recycled content?	Yes
What's the process for determining the need for office supplies?	As needed
How much of the waste generated in a week would you estimate is compostable? How much is actually composted?	
Does leftover food get donated to charities?	Yes
Do you have composting capability on-site?	No
Do you reuse or repurpose anything? Explain.	No
Are there any unused items (furniture, equipment, etc) being stored in the building that could be reused?	No
How much recycled material do you estimate is generated each week? How much is actually recycled?	None
Is there a recycling program in place? If yes,	Paper

how often does recycling get collected?	
How many recycling bins are there? Where are they located?	Large container per floor
Please provide details of any waste reduction/recycling efforts (including special events, festivals, sporting events, etc).	Large container outside
What percentage of your parishioners (or students, faculty, staff) do you estimate recycles their waste at home?	50
Are there dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges?	Yes
Is there standardized bin signage for recycling/trash bins?	Yes
Are there posters/other materials reminding users of good recycling practices?	no
What materials would you prioritize if a recycling program was in place?	

Waste Audit

Recyclable items	Is this in your trash?	What Percentage?
Paper (e.g., office paper, mail, magazines, shredded paper, file folders, packing paper)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Paper boxes (e.g. cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, supplies and electronics boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Plastic bottles, jugs, cups, food containers (clean), packaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Metal cans and pans (rinsed) from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cartons (milk and broth cartons, juice boxes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Organic material (food scraps, napkins)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Appendix IV

Outdoor Space Assessment

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How many acres does the parish own?	3
Estimate the percentage of that land that is non-hard surface (no parking lots or buildings).	1
Describe the landscaping on the property.	
How many trees are planted on the property? What types of trees are they?	
Are there flowers planted on the property?	Yes
Are there any ponds, lakes, or natural springs on the property?	No
How often is grass typically mowed?	Weekly
How are grass clippings handled?	
How is other outdoor waste (leaves, sticks, etc) handled?	Hauled away
Is the lawn treated? How often and with what kind of materials?	
Are pesticides/fertilizers used anywhere? If yes, please explain the kind of chemical used and how it is used on the property.	No
Are there any native plants on the property? If so, describe the type of plant and where they are located.	No
Is the lawn watered? If so, how often?	Football field; night 7 days
Are the athletic fields watered? How often?	Refer to above
What is the source of water used for irrigation?	
Is rainwater harvested and used for irrigation?	No
How is roof water directed?	Out to drain
How is runoff handled from the property? (drainage to stormsewers, retention/detention ponds, raingardens, etc)	Drain to stormsewers
Are there sump pumps from the basements to discharge water, keeping the basement dry?	Yes
What time of day is the property watered?	Evening/night
Is there a sprinkler system in place? If so, is there a timer of or quick shut-off valves on the system?	
Is there a vegetable garden on the property?	Yes
Is mulch used on the property? How much is purchased and how often is it purchased? What is the source of the mulch?	Donated
Are the athletic fields grass or turf?	Grass

Appendix V

Transportation Assessment

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Parish

How many families attend your parish?	1200
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate drive to Mass and other church events?	70
How many do you estimate carpool?	0
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate walk/bike to Mass and other church events?	1
Are there public bus stations near your parish? How many?	No
Are there bike racks around the church building? How many?	No
What’s the farthest distance anyone has to travel to church?	People from downtown ,12 miles
Is there a vehicle for the parish priest?	His own
Are any of the church vehicles hybrid/electric?	No
How many miles do priest/church vehicles drive in a week? In a year?	

School

How many employees and students drive to work/school on a daily basis?	100% employees, 0 students
What’s the longest distance a student/family drives to school?	
What percentage of students get picked-up/dropped-off at school by their parents?	100% grade school
What time is pick-up for students? How long do parents typically wait in line to pick up their kids?	3 pm; 15 minutes
What percentage of students walk/ride their bike to school?	None
Do you have school buses? How many? What percentage of students are eligible for bus services?	No
What percentage of students take the bus to school?	n/a
How many days in a week are the school buses used? How many days in a year?	n/a
Are there bike racks on your property? How many?	No
How many students drive to school?	None

Do students carpool? Is there an incentive to carpool?	None
Do students pay for parking passes?	No
Are there any other vehicles owned by the parish/school? Please list them and explain what their use(s) is/are.	No

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Facility Description

St. Mary Catholic Church was founded in 1858. Their current building, located on 311 N New Jersey Street in downtown Indianapolis, was built in 1910. Their mission statement is as follows: “St. Mary Parish, Indianapolis, is a welcoming Catholic Community of faith that embraces our diversity. Inspired by Word and Sacrament, we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in service to all”. They proudly serve the Lockerbie neighborhood and the immigrant community and serve around 900 families. The parish staff is small, with around five members.

Currently, there are two functioning buildings on St. Mary’s property: the church building and the Marian Center, which houses the parish offices, meeting rooms, etc. They also have a rectory building on the property that is not currently being used and was not assessed for this pilot program. There is no school associated with the parish.

The HVAC system for the parish consists of ten different components. One boiler is located in the basement of the church, and it just heats the church. That boiler is approximately two years old. There are four air conditioning units in the church; two in the west side and two in the east side. The two units in the east side are rooftop units. In the west side, they are located in choir loft. All of those units are around 20 years old. The Marian Center has five HVAC units. The basement has one unit that is located outside in the playground and just heats/cool the basement. The first floor has one unit in the west and one unit in the east. The second floor mirrors the first floor.

Pilot Self Evaluation

St. Mary Catholic Church completed self-assessments in the following areas of operation: energy/building operations, waste management, outdoor space, and transportation. Below are key findings from each assessment.

Energy and Building Operations (See Appendix I): Most of the lighting in the parish has been updated to LED. There is also signage in the bathrooms and the kitchen reminding people to turn the lights off after use. There are manual thermostats in each room in the Marian Center and church. There were cracks in many of the windows of the church that were fixed shortly after the assessment. All computers and printers are kept in “energy saving” mode when possible and turned off at night. There is one icemaker that is turned on once every few weeks to get ice and store it for later use. Appliances are not unplugged after use. The refrigerator is energy-efficient.

Waste Management (See Appendix III): Office supplies generate the most waste, but recycling is in place for those materials. Currently, the parish recycles paper, plastic, and aluminum. They also recycle materials such as oil, ink cartridges, and batteries. There is standardized signage on all the bins. Very little organic waste is generated. There are meals every Sunday after Mass (200-300 every week), and disposable paper/plastic/Styrofoam products are used at those events. Recycling at the events is also minimal due to lack of education.

Outdoor Space (See Appendix IV): The parish has very little outdoor space. They are landlocked in downtown Indianapolis, so the landscaping is minimal. There are a few patches of grass and a few trees. There are also potted flowers near the front door. They have a small fountain in their Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer garden. Grass is mowed weekly and left on the ground. They have no other outdoor waste. They receive two or three yards of mulch every year from a local landscaping company that is donated by volunteers.

Transportation (See Appendix V): There are approximately 2,000 families registered at the parish, and around 80% of them drive to Mass and other events. The remaining 20% walk or ride bikes. Many of the families, especially in the Hispanic community, drive far distances to Mass every week. Many of them also have large families, which makes carpooling difficult.

Energy Audit Description

Indianapolis Power and Light offers several free programs for their customers. The program utilized for this pilot program was the Small Business Direct Install Program. With this program, an energy assessment was scheduled. Two installers came to the site and conducted a free assessment to check the status of lighting in the building and check for ballast compatibility. During the assessment, they also installed complimentary LED products to ensure that savings started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. In addition to this initial visit, the Direct Install program also offers installation of occupancy sensors through Godby. These appointments are made around a month following the energy assessment, and installation of those sensors comes at no cost to the customer.

In the energy assessment at St. Mary Catholic Church (see Appendix II), four LED T8 replacement lamps were placed in office/classroom spaces in the Marian Center. An additional 20 LED lamps were installed around the Marian Center and the narthex of the church building. One pre-rinse spray valve and three faucet aerators were placed in the kitchen area, which is on

the bottom floor of the Marian Center. IPL recommended the replacement of around six more LED lamps for the church and the installment of occupancy sensors in remaining areas.

Proposed 12-Month Sustainability Program

Below is the action plan which was created in conjunction with stakeholders in St. Mary Catholic Church. An initial meeting was held to discuss goals and priorities in each area of assessment. In attendance for that discussion was the Facilities Manager. The discussion notes were later reviewed by the Pastor.

In the energy category, stakeholders want to create standardized signage reminding people to turn off lights when not being used, unplug appliances after use, etc.

In the waste management category, stakeholders want to reduce the use of disposable dishes and utensils as much as possible. They want to eliminate the use of Styrofoam products at events and replace those products with plastic or compostable options. They would also like to increase recycling at events and look into the possibility of investing in reusable dishes.

In the education category, stakeholders hope to educate their parishioners about the importance of recycling, as well as what can/cannot be recycled. They also hope to educate parishioners about the broader importance of creation care.

Two areas of assessment do not have major goals attached to them. Due to the landlocked situation of the property, there is very limited green space with no room for improvement in the outdoor space category. There is also no room for improvement in the transportation category. St. Mary Catholic Church does not have a full-time school, so there’s no school-related transportation. In addition, most of the parishioners come from far distances and have a large family, which makes it hard to carpool.

Below is the complete 12-month Sustainability Program for St. Mary Catholic Church:

I. Energy

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Create signage reminding people of good practices	\$			Good
Use smart power strips in office spaces	\$\$			Better
Invest in IPL Green Power Option	\$			Better
Maintain Portfolio Manager account	\$			Good

Standardized Signage

This will give people friendly reminders about good practices such as turning lights off when not in use and unplugging appliances when not in use. It successfully reinforces good behavior and reduces energy use from a behavior standpoint

Smart Power Strips

These reduce energy use by taking away “vampire energy” that often stems from appliances being plugged in even when not in use.

IPL Green Power Option

This allows the parish to specify that part of their electricity be generated by a renewable source. Currently it costs \$0.0025 per kWh (in addition to standard IPL rates), and the source is Midwestern wind farms.

Portfolio Manager

This is a free program through EPA’s Energy Star. It allows the parish to track their energy savings and compare themselves to other parishes with similar size/functions. It will allow them to track their progress in energy-reducing efforts.

II. Water Use

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Use “green” cleaning products	\$			Better
Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads	\$\$			Best
Install faucets with sensors	\$\$			Best

“Green” Cleaning Products

Many modern cleaning products contain chemicals like phosphorus, which can harm water quality. Green cleaning products do not contain these chemicals.

Low-Flow Aerators/Showerheads

This reduces the amount of water that is used when a sink or shower is being used.

Faucets with Sensors

These faucets detect motion so that water is only used when needed.

III. Waste Management

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Reduce use of disposable goods at events	\$			Better
Eliminate use of Styrofoam	\$			Good

products				
Invest in reusable dishes for events	\$\$			Best
Increase recycling at events	\$			Better

Reduce Disposable Goods

This involves replacing disposable, single-use plastic utensils and dishes with reusable dishes that can be washed. It reduces the amount of waste produced by the church.

Eliminate Styrofoam

Styrofoam cannot be recycled, so eliminating its use reduces the amount of waste heading directly into a landfill or to be burned in the city incinerator. This is also a problem because these products include toxins that are released when burned.

Reusable Dishes

Buying reusable dishes that can be used for mercy meals and other events reduces the amount of waste generated by the parish.

Recycling at Events

Recycling paper, plastic, and aluminum at after-Mass meals will reduce the amount of waste generated at these events that is directed to a landfill or incinerator.

IV. Purchasing

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Take inventory of all products purchased within the parish	\$			Good
Create a green purchasing policy and implement it	\$\$			Best
Buy local goods/services	\$			Best

Inventory

This involves taking an inventory of all goods and services that the parish purchases, as well as the source of those goods and services. This will allow the parish to see what they could potentially switch.

Green Purchasing Policy

A green purchasing policy states that products purchased will be less damaging to human health and the environment than competitors' products.

Buy Local

This means resourcing goods and services to buy from local sources. It will cut down on vehicle-associated emissions and also help support the local economy.

V. Education

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Recycling workshops	\$			Better
Laudato Si' presentations for parishioners	\$			Good
Create educational materials	\$\$			Best

Recycling Workshops

This involves hosting workshops that teach parishioners the importance of recycling, materials that can/cannot be recycled, etc. This will help increase recycling rates at events.

Laudato Si' Presentations

This involves educating parishioners about the importance of creation care as a faith issue. It will increase buy-in from parishioners.

Educational Materials

Creating handouts and other materials for parishioners about sustainability topics such as recycling will help parishioners start these best practices in their own homes.

Conclusion

St. Mary Catholic Church is at a mature status. All their buildings are LED-updated and are prudent with their energy use. They have recycling for paper, plastic and aluminum in their parish center. Staff members also find locations to recycle non-conventional waste (such as light bulbs and other materials). Their small staff ensures successful communication and successful efforts to reduce energy, water, and waste are successful.

Key elements in the action plan for St. Mary Catholic Church include waste management and education. They hope to eliminate the use of Styrofoam and disposable products at their Sunday meals. They also hope to educate parishioners, especially the Hispanic community, on the importance of recycling and other sustainability efforts. Focusing on hosting educational opportunities after Mass on Sundays will be crucial for gaining parish involvement, since most parishioners are only able to travel to the church on Sunday.

Attachments:

- Appendix I Energy Assessment
- Appendix II IPL Report
- Appendix III Waste Management Assessment
- Appendix IV Outdoor Space Assessment
- Appendix V Transportation Assessment

Appendix I

Energy Assessment

Date: 05/28/19

Lighting

Are lights turned off when daylight is bright enough?	Yes; lights turned off after Mass
Has there been an effort to use energy-efficient light bulbs when incandescent bulbs burn out?	Church is all LED-updated, most of the Marian Center is too
Are lights/lamps/fixtures clean?	Yes
Are blinds/curtains used to shade the building(s)? Are they closed at night?	No
Are external lights kept on in the daytime?	No
Are the lights turned off at night?	Yes
Are gym lights turned off when not in use?	n/a
How do you adjust classroom/hallway/kitchen spaces for breaks/holidays?	n/a
Is there signage reminding staff to turn off lights when not in use?	Yes (bathrooms, kitchen) Not in church

Additional Comments: motion sensors in Marian Center

Heating/Cooling

Do off-hour activities extend operating hours for energy-using systems?	No
Is natural cooling (outside air) utilized?	Yes sometimes
Are there any guidelines on indoor temperature use? How do you handle the thermostats on a day-to-day basis? Where are they located? Are they vulnerable to occupant adjustment? What are the settings for heating and cooling season? Is it adjusted for unoccupied periods?	Thermostat in each room (6 years old), all manual Cooling: 70 occupied, 75 unoccupied Heating: 65 occupied, 68 unoccupied
What's the maintenance schedule for the HVAC systems?	Twice a year for maintenance Check-ups occur more frequently
Is heating/AC used in unoccupied spaces?	no
Are radiators blocked by furniture or other things which can restrict circulation?	No
Are electric space heaters used anywhere?	No
Is the exhaust system operation programmed?	
Is there any sort of maintenance routine for checking leaks/cracks in pipes?	Yes
Are boilers maintained on a scheduled basis?	Yes, as recommended *One boiler located in church basement, it is around 2-4 years old
Is there insulation on the roof space?	Yes

Are there any cracked windows?	No (yes in church, but will have those fixed next week)
Is there evidence of issues with double glazing in windows (moisture between panes)?	No
Do the windows/doors stay closed when heat/AC is on?	Yes
Could the building reduce heat by closing blinds or using reflective film in windows?	Yes, not currently used
Is AC run at the same time as heating?	No
Does the chiller operate during cold weather to provide AC?	No
Do multiple AC compressors start simultaneously?	Yes
Do multiple boilers/heaters fire simultaneously?	yes

Water

Are there evident water leaks/drips?	One leak in church roof, but in pipes
Are water temperatures reduced during unoccupied periods?	
What is the hot water temperature set at?	120-130
Are water fountains on a timer?	
Are there devices in place to conserve heated water?	

Equipment

Is equipment kept on "energy saving" mode during the day?	Yes, always used
Can computers be switched off during the day?	Computers are switched off at night (3 total in building)
Are the computer, fax machines, photocopiers, etc turned off at night?	Yes
Can a 7-day timer be put on some of the equipment (water coolers, vending machines, photocopiers)?	n/a
Do vending machines remain energized during unoccupied periods?	n/a
Are fridges placed next to heat sources?	No
Is the fridge thermostat working properly and set to the right temp?	Yes
Are icemakers turned off?	Yes, only turned on one day every few weeks, ice packed and stored in freezer
Are microwaves, coffee machines, etc. unplugged after use?	No
Are any of the appliances upgraded to energy-efficient models?	Refrigerator is energy-efficient; appliances are not very old and don't need replaced
Is there signage informing staff of these energy-saving strategies?	no

Appendix II

IPL Report

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ENERGY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Congratulations! By requesting this Energy Assessment, you've taken an important step towards improving your building's energy efficiency and managing your energy use. Effective energy management can result in lower electricity consumption, reduced operating costs, and increased reliability of building systems.

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DIRECT INSTALL PROJECT SAVINGS SUMMARY

During your assessment, energy efficient products were installed to help you start saving energy today. The table below summarizes your efficiency project including efficient equipment, estimated energy savings, and energy cost savings.

Equipment Installed	Quantity	Installed Product Value (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)*
Pre-Rinse Spray Valves	1	\$75	7629
Faucet Aerators	3	\$24	424
LED T8 Replacement Lamps	4	\$60	316
LED Lamps	20	\$360	4817

These savings are just the start of your potential energy management opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

In the following report, you will find a summary of additional energy saving recommended for your business. For each recommendation, we provide estimates for potential energy savings, energy cost savings, and incentives available through the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program.

Moving forward with these recommendations can save additional energy and improve your business's bottom line. With project incentives and program support, starting your next energy saving project is easy.

Ready to start saving? Work with your contractor to find the project mix that works best for you and find out how the IPL Business Energy Incentives Program can help.

Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ or contact us at 888.982.7071 with any questions.

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Energy Efficiency Opportunity Assessment Report

Based on an analysis of your building's existing equipment we recommend completing the following energy efficiency projects. For each recommendation, we've estimated the cost after incentives, energy savings, and simple payback after program incentives. These estimates will help you plan for and complete your next efficiency project.

RECOMMENDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

Recommended Equipment	Efficient Equipment Type	Quantity	Estimated Cost After Incentives (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)	Simple Payback After Incentives (Years)
Lighting Replacements	Lighting	6.00	1362	19350	0.7
LED Lighting Controls	Lighting	10.00	767	148	51.8

Lighting

LEDs are a highly efficient lighting technology that can significantly reduce your energy costs. LEDs are long lasting, which can help reduce maintenance costs compared to traditional lighting systems with lamps and ballasts. Additionally, LEDs are typically compatible with lighting controls, such as Occupancy Sensors and Daylighting Controls. Adding lighting controls to your LED project will help further reduce energy use and operating costs.

To qualify for rebates, LED screw-in lamps need to be ENERGY STAR listed, and LED tubes and fixtures need to be listed on the DesignLights Consortium's Qualified Product List. Please confirm the current program guidelines for complete eligibility requirements before purchasing your LEDs.

PROGRAM RESOURCES AND DISCLAIMER

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Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ for current rebate offerings or additional information on project requirements and terms of program participation.

The report recommendations provided are based on responses to a survey on building systems, equipment, and occupancy completed by a site representative. Estimated energy savings, energy costs savings, and recommended project costs are based on average program values. Project costs, savings, rebates, and paybacks are not guaranteed. Program offerings, availability, and rebate levels are subject to change at any time.

IPL reserves the right to change elements of the program without notice.

Appendix III

Waste Management Assessment

Date: 06/04/19

General Questions

Check major waste generating activities. Make a star next to the ones that generate the most waste.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office supplies * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kitchen wastes (school lunches, Sunday mass, special events) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscaping (yard clippings) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shipping containers (cardboard) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others (please explain):
How many times does waste get collected each week?	Twice; Monday and Thursday
How much waste do you generate each week that is placed in a dumpster? (How many dumpsters are full?)	2
Have you mapped where bins and dumpsters are located?	Yes
What is the current waste handling cost?	Not sure
How is waste handled that's generated by the rectory?	Priest does not live there, but the space is being rented out; counted as church waste, recycled when possible
What do employees typically do for lunch?	Bring their own lunch or go home
Are there vending/soda machines anywhere? How many?	No
Is e-mail encouraged (rather than printing out paper)?	Yes
Do printers have double-sided capabilities? If so, do you encourage double-sided copies?	Yes
Do you buy paper/office supplies made from recycled content?	Janitorial supplies – yes Office supplies – not sure
What's the process for determining the need for office supplies?	Buy in bulk a few times per year
How much of the waste generated in a week would you estimate is compostable? How much is actually composted?	None
Does leftover food get donated to charities?	No, not a lot produced
Do you have composting capability on-site?	No
Do you reuse or repurpose anything? Explain.	
Are there any unused items (furniture, equipment, etc) being stored in the building that could be reused?	No
How much recycled material do you estimate is generated each week? How much is actually recycled?	80% of what is recyclable is recycled
Is there a recycling program in place? If yes, how often does recycling get collected?	Yes; paper, plastic, aluminum

How many recycling bins are there? Where are they located?	8 large bins in Marian Center, 6 in church Smaller bins placed in both areas as well
Please provide details of any waste reduction/recycling efforts (including special events, festivals, sporting events, etc).	
What percentage of your parishioners (or students, faculty, staff) do you estimate recycles their waste at home?	Not sure, guess around 50%
Are there dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges?	Collected in church and taken somewhere to recycle
Is there standardized bin signage for recycling/trash bins?	Yes, same on every bin
Are there posters/other materials reminding users of good recycling practices?	Yes
What materials would you prioritize if a recycling program was in place?	Batteries, ink cartridges, oil

Additional Comments: Oil is recycled at Autozone. Computers and ink cartridges are recycled. Fr. Carlton is very adamant about recycling.

Please list any major festivals or other events that your parish/school hosts. For each of these events, please describe: major activities at the event; what is purchased or consumed at the event; and how waste is handled at the event, including any recycling efforts.

There are groups that make and sell food every Sunday after Mass (200 or 300 meals a week). Recycling is minimal, and all utensils/plates/cups are disposable. A lot of it is Styrofoam. There are also events during Holy Week, Guadalupe celebration, 4th of July, and Christmas.

Waste Audit

Recyclable items	Is this in your trash?	What Percentage?
Paper (e.g., office paper, mail, magazines, shredded paper, file folders, packing paper)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	20%
Paper boxes (e.g. cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, supplies and electronics boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	All recycled
Plastic bottles, jugs, cups, food containers (clean), packaging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	10%
Metal cans and pans (rinsed) from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Minimal
Cartons (milk and broth cartons, juice boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Organic material (food scraps, napkins)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	10%

Appendix IV

Outdoor Space Assessment

Date: 06/25/19

How many acres does the parish own?	Unsure (guess 1)
Estimate the percentage of that land that is non-hard surface (no parking lots or buildings).	5%
Describe the landscaping on the property.	Minimal; a few trees and grass
How many trees are planted on the property? What types of trees are they?	2 or 3
Are there flowers planted on the property?	Yes; pots in front of church and some in garden
Are there any ponds, lakes, or natural springs on the property?	Small fountain in Guadalupe garden
How often is grass typically mowed?	Weekly
How are grass clippings handled?	Left on ground
How is other outdoor waste (leaves, sticks, etc) handled?	n/a
Is the lawn treated? How often and with what kind of materials?	Twice a year with fertilizer
Are pesticides/fertilizers used anywhere? If yes, please explain the kind of chemical used and how it is used on the property.	Fertilizer on lawn Round-Up used very sparingly in grotto area; weeds are pulled by hand in most areas
Are there any native plants on the property? If so, describe the type of plant and where they are located.	No
Is the lawn watered? If so, how often?	No
Are the athletic fields watered? How often?	n/a
What is the source of water used for irrigation?	n/a
Is rainwater harvested and used for irrigation?	n/a
How is roof water directed?	Grass or storm drains
How is runoff handled from the property? (drainage to stormsewers, retention/detention ponds, raingardens, etc)	Storm drains
Are there sump pumps from the basements to discharge water, keeping the basement dry?	No
What time of day is the property watered?	n/a
Is there a sprinkler system in place? If so, is there a timer or quick shut-off valves on the system?	No
Is there a vegetable garden on the property?	No
Is mulch used on the property? How much is purchased and how often is it purchased? What is the source of the mulch?	Yes; once a year, 2 or 3 yards, brought by volunteers from local landscaping company
Are the athletic fields grass or turf?	n/a

Appendix V

Transportation Assessment

Date: 06/25/19

Parish

How many families attend your parish?	2,000 registered
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate drive to Mass and other church events?	80%
How many do you estimate carpool?	1%
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate walk/bike to Mass and other church events?	20%
Are there public bus stations near your parish? How many?	Yes, but people usually don't ride the bus
Are there bike racks around the church building? How many?	Yes, two
What's the farthest distance anyone has to travel to church?	45 minutes
Is there a vehicle for the parish priest?	He has his own vehicle
Are any of the church vehicles hybrid/electric?	No
How many miles do priest/church vehicles drive in a week? In a year?	30 per week

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care Commission
Living Laudato Si’ Sustainability Pilot Program
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
7243 East 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219**

Final Report

Introduction

The Creation Care Commission is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis that is housed under Pastoral Ministries. The official mission of the Creation Care Commission is “to encourage and foster the care for God’s creation as a way of life and a core principle of our Catholic faith and to minimize the Archdiocese’ impact on the environment”. Its vision is this: that all parishioners will live environmentally-conscious lifestyles based on the values in Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and, consequently, understand that creation care is a moral imperative. They are guided by the goals that everything the Archdiocese does is completed in an ethical and environmentally conscious manner, and that everything is done based on Catholic social teaching.

The inaugural sustainability program is comprised of a cohort of four parishes and one high school that are all in the same relative geographic area. These parishes and schools signed a covenant of commitment promising to cooperate with the Creation Care Commission over the ten-week pilot program and ensuing twelve-month implementation phase. Upon success of this pilot program, the Creation Care Commission will make recommendations for moving forward in expanding the sustainability program to other parishes and schools across the Archdiocese.

Facility Description

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, established in 1946, is located at 7243 E 10th St on the east side of Indianapolis. They have around 2,000 families and around 400 students in attendance at the school. There are four buildings on the property: the church building, the school building, the parish center, and the rectory.

The HVAC system for the church consists of multiple units. The church has two rooftop units that provide chilled air and heating. The chapel and two vestibules each have a rooftop unit that does the same thing (however, one of the vestibule units is currently not working). The rectory has a forced air furnace and air conditioning unit. The main school building has boilers that provide heating to the VAV units in the classrooms. There’s a large AC unit on the west wall that also provides cooling during summer. The primary school building has a boiler/VAV system for heating the restrooms and classrooms; there is also a large heating and AC unit for supplemental heating and cooling. The daycare/garage/pre-k building has a forced air furnace and heat pumps, as well as a rooftop AC unit. The parish center has a boiler system that heats a hydronic baseboard heater system along with several unit heaters in the offices and kitchen areas. There’s a chilled water system in the parish center that is currently not functioning, so there are window units in some offices and kitchen areas for cooling. There’s a portable AC unit in the basement meeting room. There are also two rooftop units for cooling the offices and conference rooms on the second floor. Repairs have not been pursued due to cost and upcoming renovations that will be eliminating the chiller unit.

Pilot Self Evaluation

Holy Spirit Catholic Church completed self-assessments in the following areas of operation: energy/building operations, waste management, outdoor space, and transportation. Below are key findings from each assessment.

Energy and Building Operations (see Appendix I): Most of the property has been updated to LED lighting. Blinds are used in most of the classrooms to shade the building. They are working on adjusting their unoccupied temperatures to the recommended energy-efficient guidelines. Some of the school equipment has been upgraded to energy-efficient models. None of the appliances are unplugged after use, and there isn’t signage reminding parishioners, staff, and students of good practices (such as turning lights off and unplugging appliances after use).

Waste Management (see Appendix III): At Holy Spirit Catholic Church, paper, plastic, and aluminum are recycled. Kitchen wastes (such as school lunches and special events) make up most of the waste that goes to the landfill or incinerator. It is estimated that 20% or more of the waste generated is compostable, but there are currently no composting efforts at the parish. Leftover food from events, however, gets donated to charity. Printers do have double-sided capability, but it is not promoted. There is no standardized signage for recycling bins on the property and no standardized signage reminding people of good practices. The parish rent recycling bins from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful every summer for their festival; recycling efforts for that event are led by volunteers.

Outdoor Space (see Appendix IV): The parish owns 10 acres, and about 40% of that is green space. There are garden areas with bushes, trees, and flowers. Grass is typically mowed weekly, and the clippings are mulched in the grounds. Leaves are mulched in the grass when possible, but are otherwise bagged and put in trash containers. The lawn is treated twice a year with crab grass preventer and weed control. No pesticides or fertilizers are used. Runoff runs to the storm drains. The athletic fields are grass, but neither the fields nor the lawn is watered. There is a vegetable garden on the property. Approximately 15 yards of mulch is purchased once a year from Tiffany Lawn and Garden Supply.

Transportation (see Appendix V): Of the 2,000 families that attend Holy Spirit Catholic Church, it is estimated that 99.9% of them drive to Mass and other church activities. While there are public bus stations near the parish, this system is rarely used. Around 80% of the students get picked up and dropped off at school by their parents, and the remaining 20% ride Warren school buses. There is also one bike rack on the property. Parents can wait up to 90 minutes to pick up their students after school. The pastor has his own vehicle; it is estimated that he drives around 6,000 miles per year. There are no other parish-owned vehicles.

Energy Audit Description

Indianapolis Power and Light offers several free programs for their customers. The program utilized for this pilot program was the Small Business Direct Install Program. With this program, an energy assessment was scheduled. Installers made a site visit and conducted a free assessment to check the status of lighting in the building and check for ballast compatibility. During the assessment, they also installed complimentary LED products to ensure that savings started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. In addition to this initial visit, the Direct Install Program also offers installation of occupancy sensors through Godby. These appointments are

made around a month following the energy assessment, and installation of those sensors comes at no cost to the customer.

In the energy assessment at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (see Appendix II), 76 LED T8 replacement lamps were installed in two classrooms and in the concession area near the gym. One pre-rinse spray valve and three faucet aerators were installed in their kitchen area and staff lounge. For the future, IPL recommended that the parish install occupancy sensors to further save energy in their buildings.

Proposed 12-Month Sustainability Program

Below is the action plan which was created in conjunction with stakeholders in Holy Spirit Catholic Church. An initial meeting was held to discuss goals and priorities in each area of assessment. In attendance for that discussion were members of the Creation Care team at the parish. The discussion notes were later reviewed by the Director of Finance and Facilities, as well as the Pastor.

In the energy category, a key focus is reducing energy use from appliances. As of the writing of this action plan, their building campaign is taking place; this means that they have the opportunity to push for sustainable changes. They want to focus on purchasing energy-efficient appliances and investigate the possibility of solar energy. They would also like to use smart power strips in office spaces.

In the waste management category, stakeholders want to eliminate the use of Styrofoam and other disposable utensils, plates, etc. for parish-wide events. They would also like to start composting from school lunches. Lastly, they hope to host an e-waste drive for the parish and surrounding area.

In the outdoor space category, composting is the biggest focus. They have a vegetable garden on the property, so composting bins would likely be placed near that. They are interested in using vermiculture to engage the students. They would also like to plant native landscaping on the property.

In the transportation category, stakeholders would like to focus on making their parish more “bike-friendly”. They want to invest in more bike racks for the property and host bike safety workshops to break through some of the barriers associated with riding bikes.

In the education category, stakeholders would like to increase awareness of sustainability. They want to host Laudato Si’ discussion groups which will explain both the science behind climate change and the Catholic Social Teaching on creation care. The Creation Care team wants to connect with the students in the school more to collaborate on projects and integrate sustainability into education at the parish.

Below is the complete 12-month Sustainability Program for Holy Spirit Catholic Church:

I. Energy

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Occupancy sensor installment	\$*			Good
Investigate solar energy options	\$\$\$			Best
Create standardized signage reminding people of good practices	\$			Good
Buy smart power strips	\$\$			Better
Invest in IPL Green Power Option	\$			Better
Maintain Portfolio Manager account	\$			Good

*This installation is free through Godby as part of the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program

Occupancy Sensors

This ensures that lights are only turned on when someone is occupying the space; eliminates the need for someone to be responsible for turning off the lights

Solar Energy Options

Investing in solar energy directly reduces the amount of carbon emissions being placed in the atmosphere by sourcing energy from a renewable source.

Standardized Signage

This will give people friendly reminders about good practices such as turning lights off when not in use and unplugging appliances when not in use. It successfully reinforces good behavior and reduces energy use from a behavior standpoint.

Smart Power Strips

These reduce energy use by taking away “vampire energy” that often stems from appliances being plugged in even when not in use.

IPL Green Power Option

This allows the parish to specify that part of their electricity be generated by a renewable source. Currently it costs \$0.0025 per kWh (in addition to standard IPL rates), and the source is Midwestern wind farms.

Portfolio Manager

This is a free program through EPA’s Energy Star. It allows the parish to track their energy savings and compare themselves to other parishes with similar size/functions. It will allow them to track their progress in energy-reducing efforts.

II. Water Use

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Save water in rain barrels	\$			Good
Use “green” cleaning products	\$			Better
Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads	\$\$			Best
Install faucets with sensors	\$\$			Best

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

“Green” Cleaning Products

Many modern cleaning products contain chemicals like phosphorus, which can harm water quality. Green cleaning products do not contain these chemicals.

Low-Flow Aerators/Showerheads

This reduces the amount of water that is used when a sink or shower is being used.

Faucets with Sensors

These faucets detect motion so that water is only used when needed.

III. Waste Management

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Eliminate use of Styrofoam products	\$\$			Better
Eliminate use of disposable utensils	\$\$			Best
Use reusable dishes in the kitchen	\$\$\$			Best
Create standardized bin signage	\$			Good
Start recycling program for batteries and e-waste	\$			Good
Host a technology	\$			Good

waste drive				
Start working with kitchen to compost	\$			Better
Start vermiculture composting	\$\$\$			Best
Buy materials made from recycled content	\$			Better

Eliminate Styrofoam

Styrofoam cannot be recycled, so eliminating its use reduces the amount of waste heading directly into a landfill or to be burned in the city incinerator. This is also a problem because these products include toxins that are released when burned.

Eliminate Disposable Utensils and Dishes

This involves replacing disposable, single-use plastic utensils and dishes with reusable dishes that can be washed. It reduces the amount of waste produced by the church.

Reusable Dishes

Buying reusable dishes that can be used for mercy meals and other events reduces the amount of waste generated by the parish.

Standardized Signage

This gives visual reminders of what should be recycled, which will drive behavior towards good recycling habits.

E-Waste Recycling

This involves creating dedicated recycling for e-waste, such as toner cartridges and batteries. E-waste heavily contributes to contamination of soil and water resources. Creating a recycling program for this type of waste ensures that it is handled properly and diverted from the landfill.

Technology Waste Drive

This will be a community-wide event which gives the parish and the community a chance to drop off their technology waste. If not recycled, this waste would otherwise likely end up in a landfill to contaminate the soil and water.

Collect Compost

This involves collecting organic waste such as peels, grass, and leaves. Compost provides essential nutrients for plant growth and saves food waste and other organic waste from being directed to a landfill.

Vermiculture

This is a low-maintenance method of composting that involves worms. Composting produces natural fertilizer and reduces the amount of waste going into a landfill. It's also a great way to engage students and teach them about organic farming practices.

Buy Products Made from Recycled Content

Buying these type of products reduces waste and pollution by eliminating the need for more raw materials to be sourced.

IV. Outdoor Space

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Plant native landscaping	\$\$			Better
Buy a rain barrel to harvest rainwater	\$			Good
Investigate options for rain garden	\$\$\$			Best
Plant a pollinator garden	\$\$			Best
Plant more trees	\$\$\$			Best

Native Landscaping

Native plants are adapted to the conditions of Indiana, so they require less water and less maintenance. They also provide a habitat for wildlife.

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

Rain Garden

Rain gardens are a good way to divert water from draining into storm sewers. It also improves water quality.

Pollinator Garden

This provides a habitat and food for pollinators, which are vital to the cultivation of flowers, plants, and crops.

Plant Trees

Planting trees reduces the amount of stormwater runoff, provides natural cooling for nearby buildings, and removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

V. Transportation

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Start a “no idling” policy	\$			Better
Invest in more bike racks	\$\$			Better
Host workshops in bike safety	\$\$			Good
Activities involving students riding bikes	\$\$\$			Better
Encourage	\$			Best

carpooling				
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“No Idling” Policy

This involves parents shutting off their car while waiting in line to pick up their students from school. It cuts down on vehicle-related emissions.

Bike Racks

This would provide more access for students and parishioners to park their bikes, and would encourage them to ride their bike to school or church.

Bike Safety Workshops

This provides the opportunity for students to learn about proper bike safety and would encourage them to ride bikes more.

Bike Activities

This could be anything from having a group-ride to taking a field trip where students ride bikes. It would encourage them to keep doing so as part of their daily life.

Encourage Carpooling

This reduces the amount of vehicles being driven every day, which in turn reduces the amount of vehicle-associated emissions.

VI. Purchasing

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Take inventory of all products purchased within the parish	\$			Good
Create a green purchasing policy and implement it	\$\$			Best
Buy local goods/services	\$			Best

Inventory

This involves taking an inventory of all goods and services that the parish purchases, as well as the source of those goods and services. This will allow the parish to see what they could potentially switch.

Green Purchasing Policy

A green purchasing policy states that products purchased will be less damaging to human health and the environment than competitors’ products.

Buy Local

This means resourcing goods and services to buy from local sources. It will cut down on vehicle-associated emissions and also help support the local economy.

VII. Education

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking
Start Laudato Si’ discussions	\$			Best
Host recycling workshops for parishioners, students, staff	\$			Better
Monarch butterflies in the classroom	\$\$			Good
Have students conduct a food waste audit to teach about food waste	\$\$			Better
Calculate carbon footprint before and after program	\$			Best

Laudato Si’ Discussions

This will provide an opportunity for parishioners to understand the importance of creation care, and will help with buy-in for the program.

Recycling Workshops

This will educate parishioners on issues such as what can/can’t be recycled, where to take recycling, etc. It will increase recycling and decrease amount of waste being dumped into a landfill.

Monarch Butterflies

This is a good opportunity to teach students about not only the life cycle of butterflies, but also about the importance of pollinators for our ecosystems.

Food Waste Audit

This is a good opportunity to raise awareness for the issue of food waste and decrease the amount of food being dumped into a landfill. It is also a way to engage students.

Carbon Footprint

This involves the parish looking at all their emission-generating activities and calculating a “footprint” for their operations. This is another way for them to get a baseline so that they can track their progress and compare their footprint at the beginning and end of the program.

Conclusions

Overall, Holy Spirit is currently at a moderate status. They have completed LED updates in most of their buildings. They have taken the initiative to start recycling at their annual summer festival. They have a vegetable garden which is maintained using organic gardening practices. The rest of the landscaping is also maintained using organic practices. They have a functioning Creation Care team that is eager to increase sustainability efforts and involve the school in those efforts as well. With their upcoming building campaign, Holy Spirit Catholic Church has the opportunity to make changes in their building such as investing in energy-efficient appliances and switching to reusable dishes to eliminate use of disposable goods.

Key elements of their action plan include investigating the possibility of solar energy, vermiculture, and native landscaping. The Creation Care team has taken an interest in looking at options for solar energy. Vermiculture is a good way to connect the school kids with the process of composting and organic gardening, while also reducing the amount of organic waste that ends up in the landfill or incinerator. The property has a lot of green space, so there is plenty of room to plant a rain garden or pollinator garden with native landscaping. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year will be crucial to increasing buy-in from the school. Educating parishioners and actively partaking in the Season of Creation activities will help engage the parish at large.

Attachments:

- Appendix I Energy Assessment
- Appendix II IPL Report
- Appendix III Waste Management Assessment
- Appendix IV Outdoor Space Assessment
- Appendix V Transportation Assessment

Appendix I

Energy Assessment

Date: 05/30/19

Lighting

Are lights turned off when daylight is bright enough?	No, lights usually stay on
Has there been an effort to use energy-efficient light bulbs when incandescent bulbs burn out?	Mostly switched to LED in parish center and school - Some not completed in parish center
Are lights/lamps/fixtures clean?	Yes
Are blinds/curtains used to shade the building(s)? Are they closed at night?	Yes, most classrooms
Are external lights kept on in the daytime?	No
Are the lights turned off at night?	Most are off, but some are kept on in the school
Are gym lights turned off when not in use?	Yes (motion sensor)
How do you adjust classroom/hallway/kitchen spaces for breaks/holidays?	
Is there signage reminding staff to turn off lights when not in use?	No

Additional Comments: most of the bathrooms have motion sensors

Heating/Cooling

Do off-hour activities extend operating hours for energy-using systems?	
Is natural cooling (outside air) utilized?	No (discouraged from doing so)
Are there any guidelines on indoor temperature use? How do you handle the thermostats on a day-to-day basis? Where are they located? Are they vulnerable to occupant adjustment? What are the settings for heating and cooling season? Is it adjusted for unoccupied periods?	Working on: Winter 68 (occupied) and 60 (unoccupied) Summer 72 (occupied) and 80 (unoccupied)
What's the maintenance schedule for the HVAC systems?	Twice a year (fall and spring) Checked for filters at least quarterly
Is heating/AC used in unoccupied spaces?	Yes
Are radiators blocked by furniture or other things which can restrict circulation?	No
Are electric space heaters used anywhere?	Generally not allowed, but some people do
Is the exhaust system operation programmed?	
Is there any sort of maintenance routine for checking leaks/cracks in pipes?	
Are boilers maintained on a scheduled basis?	Yes; Two in PC (boiler room, lower level, heat basement and first floor); Three in school, one in church

Is there insulation on the roof space?	Yes
Are there any cracked windows?	No
Is there evidence of issues with double glazing in windows (moisture between panes)?	No
Do the windows/doors stay closed when heat/AC is on?	Yes
Could the building reduce heat by closing blinds or using reflective film in windows?	Yes
Is AC run at the same time as heating?	No
Does the chiller operate during cold weather to provide AC?	Sometimes
Do multiple AC compressors start simultaneously?	No
Do multiple boilers/heaters fire simultaneously?	No

Water

Are there evident water leaks/drips?	No
Are water temperatures reduced during unoccupied periods?	
What is the hot water temperature set at?	
Are water fountains on a timer?	
Are there devices in place to conserve heated water?	

Equipment

Is equipment kept on “energy saving” mode during the day?	Yes (main, central ones)
Can computers be switched off during the day?	No
Are the computer, fax machines, photocopiers, etc turned off at night?	Copiers go off automatically; computers stay on
Can a 7-day timer be put on some of the equipment (water coolers, vending machines, photocopiers)?	Yes, not used
Do vending machines remain energized during unoccupied periods?	Coke machine in school, not programmed
Are fridges placed next to heat sources?	No
Is the fridge thermostat working properly and set to the right temp?	8 total, set properly; bring in more refrigerators for summer festival
Are icemakers turned off?	Not many have working icemakers
Are microwaves, coffee machines, etc. unplugged after use?	Never
Are any of the appliances upgraded to energy-efficient models?	School equipment; some fridges may need replaced
Is there signage informing staff of these energy-saving strategies?	No

Additional Comments: iPad carts (at least 100), around 50 computers in school

Appendix II

IPL Report

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ENERGY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Holy Spirit Church

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Congratulations! By requesting this Energy Assessment, you've taken an important step towards improving your building's energy efficiency and managing your energy use. Effective energy management can result in lower electricity consumption, reduced operating costs, and increased reliability of building systems.

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DIRECT INSTALL PROJECT SAVINGS SUMMARY

During your assessment, energy efficient products were installed to help you start saving energy today. The table below summarizes your efficiency project including efficient equipment, estimated energy savings, and energy cost savings.

Equipment Installed	Quantity	Installed Product Value (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)*
Pre-Rinse Spray Valves	1	\$75	7629
Faucet Aerators	3	\$24	424
LED T8 Replacement Lamps	76	\$1140	5998

These savings are just the start of your potential energy management opportunities.

NEXT STEPS

In the following report, you will find a summary of additional energy saving recommended for your business. For each recommendation, we provide estimates for potential energy savings, energy cost savings, and incentives available through the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program.

Moving forward with these recommendations can save additional energy and improve your business's bottom line. With project incentives and program support, starting your next energy saving project is easy.

Ready to start saving? Work with your contractor to find the project mix that works best for you and find out how the IPL Business Energy Incentives Program can help.

Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ or contact us at 888.982.7071 with any questions.

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Energy Efficiency Opportunity Assessment Report

Based on an analysis of your building's existing equipment we recommend completing the following energy efficiency projects. For each recommendation, we've estimated the cost after incentives, energy savings, and simple payback after program incentives. These estimates will help you plan for and complete your next efficiency project.

RECOMMENDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

Recommended Equipment	Efficient Equipment Type	Quantity	Estimated Cost After Incentives (\$)	Estimated Energy Savings (kWh)	Simple Payback After Incentives (Years)
LED Lighting Controls	Lighting	10.00	717	888	8.1

Lighting

LEDs are a highly efficient lighting technology that can significantly reduce your energy costs. LEDs are long lasting, which can help reduce maintenance costs compared to traditional lighting systems with lamps and ballasts. Additionally, LEDs are typically compatible with lighting controls, such as Occupancy Sensors and Daylighting Controls. Adding lighting controls to your LED project will help further reduce energy use and operating costs.

To qualify for rebates, LED screw-in lamps need to be ENERGY STAR listed, and LED tubes and fixtures need to be listed on the DesignLights Consortium's Qualified Product List. Please confirm the current program guidelines for complete eligibility requirements before purchasing your LEDs.

PROGRAM RESOURCES AND DISCLAIMER

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Please visit IPLpower.com/business_energy_incentives/ for current rebate offerings or additional information on project requirements and terms of program participation.

The report recommendations provided are based on responses to a survey on building systems, equipment, and occupancy completed by a site representative. Estimated energy savings, energy costs savings, and recommended project costs are based on average program values. Project costs, savings, rebates, and paybacks are not guaranteed. Program offerings, availability, and rebate levels are subject to change at any time.

IPL reserves the right to change elements of the program without notice.

Appendix III

Waste Management Assessment

Date: 06/04/19

General Questions

Check major waste generating activities. Make a star next to the ones that generate the most waste.	<input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies <input type="checkbox"/> * Kitchen wastes (school lunches, Sunday mass, special events) <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping (yard clippings) <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping containers (cardboard) <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please explain):
How many times does waste get collected each week?	5 days per week
How much waste do you generate each week that is placed in a dumpster? (How many dumpsters are full?)	5 generally full 8 cu. Yards
Have you mapped where bins and dumpsters are located?	No
What is the current waste handling cost?	\$800-\$1000 for recycling and waste
How is waste handled that's generated by the rectory?	City trash pick up
What do employees typically do for lunch?	Bring their own or go pick up fast food
Are there vending/soda machines anywhere? How many?	1 in the school
Is e-mail encouraged (rather than printing out paper)?	No
Do printers have double-sided capabilities? If so, do you encourage double-sided copies?	Yes, but no
Do you buy paper/office supplies made from recycled content?	No
What's the process for determining the need for office supplies?	Employees notify secretary
How much of the waste generated in a week would you estimate is compostable? How much is actually composted?	Possibly 20 percent and none is composted currently
Does leftover food get donated to charities?	Yes
Do you have composting capability on-site?	Yes
Do you reuse or repurpose anything? Explain.	Boxes are reused if possible
Are there any unused items (furniture, equipment, etc) being stored in the building that could be reused?	No
How much recycled material do you estimate is generated each week?	1 dumpster, and yes it is picked up weekly, from a recycled bin
How much is actually recycled?	
Is there a recycling program in place? If yes, how often does recycling get collected?	See above

How many recycling bins are there? Where are they located?	1 recycling bin in between school buildings, there is also a paper recycling in main parking lot
Please provide details of any waste reduction/recycling efforts (including special events, festivals, sporting events, etc).	At festival we rent 24 recycling bins from KIB and recycle whatever we can
What percentage of your parishioners (or students, faculty, staff) do you estimate recycles their waste at home?	20 percent
Are there dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges?	No
Is there standardized bin signage for recycling/trash bins?	No, we need help with that, it is confusing
Are there posters/other materials reminding users of good recycling practices?	No
What materials would you prioritize if a recycling program was in place?	Composting from school lunches

Please list any major festivals or other events that your parish/school hosts. For each of these events, please describe: major activities at the event; what is purchased or consumed at the event; and how waste is handled at the event, including any recycling efforts.

Festival, lots of paper products and food products. We have separate waste and recycle bins around property during event and trash and recycling is pulled constantly by the trash and recycling volunteers. We do not compost.

Waste Audit

Recyclable items	Is this in your trash?	What Percentage?
Paper (e.g., office paper, mail, magazines, shredded paper, file folders, packing paper)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Paper boxes (e.g. cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, supplies and electronics boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Plastic bottles, jugs, cups, food containers (clean), packaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Metal cans and pans (rinsed) from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Cartons (milk and broth cartons, juice boxes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Organic material (food scraps, napkins)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Appendix IV

Outdoor Space Assessment

Date: 06/17/29

How many acres does the parish own?	10
Estimate the percentage of that land that is non-hard surface (no parking lots or buildings).	40
Describe the landscaping on the property.	grass in fields and front yard. Garden areas around campus with bushes, trees, flowers
How many trees are planted on the property? What types of trees are they?	15, pines, maples and birch
Are there flowers planted on the property?	yes
Are there any ponds, lakes, or natural springs on the property?	no
How often is grass typically mowed?	weekly
How are grass clippings handled?	mulched in grounds
How is other outdoor waste (leaves, sticks, etc) handled?	Leaves are mulched in grass when possible, sticks and other leaves put in trash container
Is the lawn treated? How often and with what kind of materials?	lawn is treated twice a year with crab grass preventer and weed control
Are pesticides/fertilizers used anywhere? If yes, please explain the kind of chemical used and how it is used on the property.	Chemicals are discouraged since we are a school.
Are there any native plants on the property? If so, describe the type of plant and where they are located.	not sure about this
Is the lawn watered? If so, how often?	no
Are the athletic fields watered? How often?	no
What is the source of water used for irrigation?	n/a
Is rainwater harvested and used for irrigation?	no
How is roof water directed?	through drainage pipes then to street drains
How is runoff handled from the property? (drainage to stormsewers, retention/detention ponds, raingardens, etc)	drainage to stormsewers
Are there sump pumps from the basements to discharge water, keeping the basement dry?	yes
What time of day is the property watered?	N/a
Is there a sprinkler system in place? If so, is there a timer or quick shut-off valves on the system?	no
Is there a vegetable garden on the property?	yes
Is mulch used on the property? How much is purchased and how often is it purchased? What is the source of the mulch?	yes, 15 yards per year, Tiffany's
Are the athletic fields grass or turf?	grass

Appendix V

Transportation Assessment

Date: 06/19/19

Parish

How many families attend your parish?	2000
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate drive to Mass and other church events?	99.9
How many do you estimate carpool?	1%
What percentage of parishioners do you estimate walk/bike to Mass and other church events?	.01%
Are there public bus stations near your parish? How many?	yes
Are there bike racks around the church building? How many?	yes
What's the farthest distance anyone has to travel to church?	30 miles
Is there a vehicle for the parish priest?	no
Are any of the church vehicles hybrid/electric?	no
How many miles do priest/church vehicles drive in a week? In a year?	115 per week, 6000 per year, but in their own vehicles. We reimburse mileage

Additional Comments:

School

How many employees and students drive to work/school on a daily basis?	100% 408 students, 72 employees avg during school year
What's the longest distance a student/family drives to school?	30 miles
What percentage of students get picked-up/dropped-off at school by their parents?	80%
What time is pick-up for students? How long do parents typically wait in line to pick up their kids?	2:45 pm, parents wait up to 90 minutes.
What percentage of students walk/ride their bike to school?	about 2 percent
Do you have school buses? How many? What percentage of students are eligible for bus services?	20 % ride Warren School buses.
What percentage of students take the bus to school?	20%
How many days in a week are the school buses used? How many days in a year?	We do not own them
Are there bike racks on your property? How many?	One bike rack for about 6 bikes
How many students drive to school?	none

Do students carpool? Is there an incentive to carpool?	n/a
Do students pay for parking passes?	n/a
Are there any other vehicles owned by the parish/school? Please list them and explain what their use(s) is/are.	no

Additional Comments: We do let a parishioner park a truck 9 months a year on our campus. We use it sometimes and we pay insurance.

**Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care Commission
Living Laudato Si’ Sustainability Pilot Program
Scecina Memorial High School
5000 Nowland Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46201**

Final Report

Introduction

The Creation Care Commission is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis that is housed under Pastoral Ministries. The official mission of the Creation Care Commission is “to encourage and foster the care for God’s creation as a way of life and a core principle of our Catholic faith and to minimize the Archdiocese’ impact on the environment”. Its vision is this: that all parishioners will live environmentally-conscious lifestyles based on the values in Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and, consequently, understand that creation care is a moral imperative. They are guided by the goals that everything the Archdiocese does is completed in an ethical and environmentally conscious manner, and that everything is done based on Catholic social teaching.

The inaugural sustainability program is comprised of a cohort of four parishes and one high school that are all in the same relative geographic area. These parishes and schools signed a covenant of commitment promising to cooperate with the Creation Care Commission over the ten-week pilot program and ensuing twelve-month implementation phase. Upon success of this pilot program, the Creation Care Commission will make recommendations for moving forward in expanding the sustainability program to other parishes and schools across the Archdiocese.

Facility Description

Scecina Memorial High School is located on 5000 Nowland Avenue on the east side of Indianapolis. Their student enrollment is currently around 400 students, and the school has an additional 70 employees. There are three buildings on Scecina’s property: the main school building; St. Francis Hall, which houses several offices; and a separate building that houses the weight room and football locker room.

Scecina’s HVAC system has multiple units. Two rooftop units, manufactured by AAON, provide chilled air and heat to 98% of the building. Five additional rooftop units, manufactured by Sanyo, provide additional chilled air and heat to the Presidential Suite and 8 classrooms. Another two rooftop units, manufactured by LG, provide additional chilled air and heat to the library, Collaboration Room, and Guidance Office. One last rooftop unit, manufactured by Mitsubishi, provides chilled air and heat to the Band Room. There are also multiple window units throughout the facility to provide chilled air.

Pilot Self Evaluation

Scecina Memorial High School completed self-assessments in the following areas of operation: energy/building operations, waste management, outdoor space, and transportation. Below are key findings from each assessment.

Energy and Building Operations (See Appendix I): Most of the lighting in the school has been updated to LED. Additionally, there are motion sensors in all hallways, classrooms, office spaces, and the gym. The biggest energy consumers in the school are two rooftop HVAC units which run all day, every day. There are also two icemakers that are never turned off. All equipment such as printers and photocopiers have “energy saving” modes and are kept on this setting. Appliances remain plugged in when not in use. There is no signage reminding staff and students of good practices.

Waste Management (See Appendix III): Office supplies, shipping containers, and kitchen wastes generate the most waste at the school; however, kitchen waste makes up the majority of waste that is thrown in the trash. It is estimated that around 25% of waste generated is organic material, but none is composted. It is further estimated that of the 300 lbs of recyclable waste generated each week, around 200 lbs of that is recycled. There are six large bins for recycling placed around the school. The school recycles paper, plastic, and aluminum.

Outdoor Space (See Appendix IV): The school owns 11 acres, and it is estimated that 50% of that space is green space. There are many trees, shrubs, flowers, and plants on the property. Grass is mowed weekly and the grass is mulched into the ground. The lawn is typically not watered, with the exception of the athletic fields in summer months. There are no native plants on the property.

Transportation (See Appendix V): A large majority of staff and students drive to school, since Seccina does not offer transportation. The rest of the students are picked up and dropped off by their parents, and a few ride their bikes or walk to school. Pick-up for students is at 3:05 pm, and parents will wait for up to 45 minutes to pick up their students. There is one bike rack on the property. They do have five school buses that are used for athletic events and other school events. The school also has a vehicle that is used for driver’s education purposes.

Energy Audit Description

Indianapolis Power and Light offers several free programs for their customers. The program utilized for this pilot program was the Small Business Direct Install Program. With this program, an energy assessment was scheduled. Two installers came to the site and conducted a free assessment to check the status of lighting in the building and check for ballast compatibility. During the assessment, they also installed complimentary LED products to ensure that savings started immediately. After the assessment, the participating location was given a rebate card so that future purchases would come with a discount. In addition to this initial visit, the Direct Install program also offers installation of occupancy sensors through Godby. These appointments are made around a month following the energy assessment, and installation of those sensors comes at no cost to the customer.

[Seccina Memorial High School IPL assessment to be completed at a later date]

Proposed 12-Month Sustainability Program

Below is the action plan which was created in conjunction with stakeholders at Seccina Memorial High School. An initial meeting was held to discuss goals and priorities in each area of assessment. In attendance for that discussion were the President, the Assistant to the President, the Interim Principal, and the Facilities Manager.

In the energy category, stakeholders would like to increase energy efficiency by investing in power strips, investing in a programmable thermostat system, and investigating options for solar power. They would also like to create standardized signage reminding staff and students of good practices.

In the waste management category, the school would like to increase overall recycling efforts by expanding their recycling programs and making the process more streamlined. They would like to host a community-wide technology drive where community members can drop off their old electronics to be recycled. They would also like to start composting kitchen waste.

In the outdoor space category, stakeholders would like to make their campus greener. They would like to plant a vegetable garden and compost. They would also like to look into installing a rooftop garden or buying beehives. Lastly, they want to switch their pesticides and fertilizers to organic products.

In the transportation category, the school would like to decrease vehicle use as much as possible. They hope to do this by creating carpooling incentives for students, installing more bike racks on the property, and encouraging group rides with staff and students.

In the education category, the biggest focus for the school is expanding the “Red and Gold Going Green” club. They will do this by increasing the number of students in the club, creating more projects for the club to complete, and increasing outreach of the club to nearby schools.

Below is the complete 12-month Sustainability Program for Scecina Memorial High School:

I. Energy

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Install occupancy sensors	\$*			Good
Make inventory of “energy users” in the building	\$			Good
Buy smart power strips	\$\$			Better
Invest in a programmable thermostat system	\$\$\$			Best
Investigate solutions for HVAC system	\$\$\$			Best
Create signage reminding staff and students of good practices	\$			Good
Invest in solar kits for lighting up outside signs	\$\$			Better

Investigate options for rooftop solar	\$\$\$			Best
IPL Green Power Option	\$			Better
Maintain Portfolio Manager account	\$			Good

*This installation is free through Godby as part of the IPL Small Business Direct Install Program

Occupancy Sensor Installation

This ensures that lights are only turned on when someone is occupying the space; eliminates need for someone to be responsible for turning off the lights

Energy Inventory

This will help the school keep track of everything that is using energy within the school, which will in turn allow them to monitor their energy usage more comprehensively.

Smart Power Strips

These reduce energy use by taking away “vampire energy” that often stems from appliances being plugged in even when not in use.

Programmable Thermostat

This system allows the administrator of the system to control temperatures in every area of the school. It would help save energy by ensuring that unoccupied spaces aren’t being unnecessarily heated or cooled.

HVAC Solutions

This will fix the issue that the school has with their rooftop units running 24/7 and using energy all day.

Standardized Signage

This will give people friendly reminders about good practices such as turning lights off when not in use and unplugging appliances when not in use. It successfully reinforces good behavior and reduces energy use from a behavior standpoint.

Solar Kits

These would provide solar power to light up school signs that are outside. It would introduce renewable energy to the school.

Investigate Solar Energy

Investing in solar energy directly reduces the amount of carbon emissions being placed in the atmosphere by sourcing energy from a renewable source.

IPL Green Power Option

This allows the parish to specify that part of their electricity be generated by a renewable source. Currently it costs \$0.0025 per kWh (in addition to standard IPL rates), and the source is Midwestern wind farms.

Portfolio Manager

This is a free program through EPA’s Energy Star. It allows the parish to track their energy savings and compare themselves to other parishes with similar size/functions. It will allow them to track their progress in energy-reducing efforts.

II. Water Use

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Save water in rain barrels	\$			Good
Use “green” cleaning products	\$			Better
Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads	\$\$			Best
Install faucets with sensors	\$\$			Best

Rain Barrel

This allows rainwater to be collected and used, rather than using city water or water from a well.

“Green” Cleaning Products

Many modern cleaning products contain chemicals like phosphorus, which can harm water quality. Green cleaning products do not contain these chemicals.

Low-Flow Aerators/Showerheads

This reduces the amount of water that is used when a sink or shower is being used.

Faucets with Sensors

These faucets detect motion so that water is only used when needed.

III. Waste Management

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Start a composting program for the kitchen	\$\$			Best
Standardize recycling and make it more widespread	\$			Better
Eliminate use of Styrofoam products at events	\$			Best

Start recycling program for batteries, toner cartridges, etc	\$			Better
Host a community-wide technology drive	\$			Good
Develop signage for recycling bins	\$			Good
Put ArchIndy Creation Care logo on recycling bins	\$			Good
Place small recycling bins in offices	\$			Better
Recycle bottle caps*	\$			Good
Conduct a food waste audit and reduce food waste in cafeteria	\$			Good

* An alternate option is to find a creative way to repurpose them, such as making a mural out of them and donating that mural to a hospital or nursing home.

Composting

This involves collecting organic waste such as peels, grass, and leaves. Compost provides essential nutrients for plant growth and saves food waste and other organic waste from being directed to a landfill.

Standardize Recycling

This means making all the recycling bins and processes uniform. It will make recycling easier for staff, students, and visitors.

Eliminate Styrofoam

Styrofoam cannot be recycled, so eliminating its use reduces the amount of waste heading directly into a landfill or to be burned in the city incinerator. This is also a problem because these products include toxins that are released when burned.

Start E-Waste Recycling

This involves creating dedicated recycling for e-waste, such as toner cartridges and batteries. E-waste heavily contributes to contamination of soil and water resources. Creating a recycling program for this type of waste ensures that it is handled properly and diverted from the landfill.

Community-Wide Technology Drive

This will be a community-wide event which gives the parish and the community a chance to drop off their technology waste. If not recycled, this waste would otherwise likely end up in a landfill to contaminate the soil and water.

Standardized Signage

This gives visual reminders of what should be recycled, which will drive behavior towards good recycling habits.

Recycling Bins in Offices

This involves placing small recycling bins in every office. Offices tend to be places with large amounts of waste (especially paper), so this will increase recycling rates at the school.

Recycle Bottle Caps

The school has a lot of bottle caps that they have collected over the years. This involves finding someplace that will take those bottle caps to be recycled.

Food Waste Audit

This is a good opportunity to raise awareness for the issue of food waste and decrease the amount of food being dumped into a landfill. It is also a way to engage students.

IV. Outdoor Space

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Plant native landscaping	\$\$			Better
Plant a pollinator garden	\$\$			Better
Investigate options for purchasing beehives	\$\$\$			Better
Plant a vegetable garden	\$\$			Best
Install a rooftop garden	\$\$\$			Best
Purchase organic fertilizer/pesticides	\$\$			Better
Start tradition of “class tree”	\$			Good

Native Landscaping

Native plants are adapted to the conditions of Indiana, so they require less water and less maintenance. They also provide a habitat for wildlife.

Pollinator Garden

This provides a habitat and food for pollinators, which are vital to the cultivation of flowers, plants, and crops.

Beehives

This involves buying physical beehives and taking care of them. Bees are pollinators, so it would also be beneficial for plant growth.

Vegetable Garden

This involves creating raised beds and planting vegetables that can then be used for school lunches or donated to food pantries. It’s a good way to engage the students and teach them about organic farming/gardening practices.

Rooftop Garden

This involves creating a garden – whether that be vegetables or flowers – on the top of a roof. It also has added benefits such as providing natural cooling for the building. It’s a good way to utilize space.

Organic Pesticides/Fertilizers

Organic pesticides/fertilizers have less chemicals and are healthier both for the environment and human health.

“Class Tree” Tradition

Planting trees reduces the amount of stormwater runoff, provides natural cooling for nearby buildings, and removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Planting a class tree is a tradition that can engage the students as well and make it more personal to them.

V. Transportation

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Create carpooling incentives for students	\$			Best
Encourage group rides	\$			Better
Install more bike racks on the property	\$\$			Good
Create a “no idling” policy	\$			Good

Carpooling Incentives

This involves incentives that would encourage students to carpool, such as reduced parking pass rates for carpooling vehicles.

Group Rides

This involves encouraging students to walk/ride their bikes to school together. It could be a one-time event or a regular occurrence. This would decrease the amount of vehicle-related emissions that come from the school.

Bike Racks

Purchasing more bike racks and placing them around the property gives students more access to parking for their bikes, which may encourage students to ride their bikes to school.

“No Idling” Policy

This involves parents shutting off their car while waiting in line to pick up their students from school. It also involves students not sitting outside in their cars before school starts. It cuts down on vehicle-related emissions.

VI. Purchasing

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Take inventory of all products purchased within the parish	\$			Good
Create a green purchasing policy and implement it	\$\$			Best
Buy local goods/services	\$			Best

Inventory

This involves taking an inventory of all goods and services that the parish purchases, as well as the source of those goods and services. This will allow the parish to see what they could potentially switch.

Green Purchasing Policy

A green purchasing policy states that products purchased will be less damaging to human health and the environment than competitors’ products.

Buy Local

This means resourcing goods and services to buy from local sources. It will cut down on vehicle-associated emissions and also help support the local economy.

VII. Education

Project	Cost	Timeline	Leaders	Ranking (Good, Better, Best)
Develop educational materials and progress report sheet	\$\$			Good
Create options for sustainability-related service projects	\$			Better
Expand “Going Green” club	\$			Better
“Going Green” club outreach to schools	\$			Best

Host workshops about different topics	\$\$			Better
Educate staff and students at beginning of semester	\$			Good
Start a speaker series for students	\$\$			Good
Calculate carbon footprint before and after program	\$			Best

Educational Materials

This involves creating materials for staff and students to use as references. It also involves creating a progress sheet that’s placed in a central location so that students and staff can track their progress with the action plan. It will help keep momentum going forward.

Sustainability-Related Service Projects

These are projects coordinated by the school that involve sustainability, whether that be park clean-ups or volunteering for a sustainability-related organization. It helps students achieve community service goals while also focusing on the importance of creation care.

Expand “Going Green” Club

This includes gaining student involvement in the club and creating more projects for the club to work on. It will help integrate sustainability into school operations by gaining student enthusiasm.

Outreach

The “Red and Gold Going Green” club will reach out to local schools and teach the students about creation care and the projects that they are working on, as well as give support to sustainability projects going on in those schools. It increases awareness for creation care and establishes community relationships.

Workshops

These are hands-on workshops about sustainability-related topics such as gardening, composting, recycling, etc. It helps the students and staff learn about these topics so that they are able to apply them.

Educate Staff

This involves educating staff at the beginning of the school year about the goals for the school, as well as the projects that the school wants to complete. It helps gain buy-in for the program.

Speaker Series

Similar to the workshops, these are sessions where professionals in the sustainability field talk to students about the importance of creation care and ways they can take action as students.

Carbon Footprint

This involves the parish looking at all their emission-generating activities and calculating a “footprint” for their operations. This is another way for them to get a baseline so that they can track their progress and compare their footprint at the beginning and end of the program.

Conclusions

Overall, Seccina Memorial High School is at a moderate status. They are already implementing several sustainable practices within their facilities. For example, they have completed LED updates on most of the building and installed motion sensors to further energy savings. With their paper-reducing initiative, they have cut paper usage and associated waste nearly in half in only a year. Their athletic buses have a “no idling” policy during competitions that are at another school, effectively reducing transportation-associated emissions.

Key elements in SMHS’s action plan are community service/outreach and student engagement. Their “Red and Gold Going Green” club has the potential to involve the entire community in both service and education through sustainability-related service projects and outreach to local schools. They have the capability to take charge of some of the projects such as composting and planting a pollinator garden. Educating staff at the beginning of the school year and partaking in the Season of Creation activities will be helpful in gaining buy-in for the program. Seccina Memorial High School is dedicated to a mission of excellence in every aspect of education, and integrating sustainability into their operations is the next step of their mission

Attachments:

- Appendix I Energy Assessment
- Appendix II IPL Report
- Appendix III Waste Management Assessment
- Appendix IV Outdoor Space Assessment
- Appendix V Transportation Assessment

Appendix I

Energy Assessment

Date: 05/29/19

Lighting

Are lights turned off when daylight is bright enough?	Sometimes
Has there been an effort to use energy-efficient light bulbs when incandescent bulbs burn out?	Sensor lighting in gym, hallway, offices; LED bulbs everywhere (updated a few years ago); may be a few areas without LED
Are lights/lamps/fixtures clean?	Yes
Are blinds/curtains used to shade the building(s)? Are they closed at night?	Yes
Are external lights kept on in the daytime?	No
Are the lights turned off at night?	Yes, all on sensors
Are gym lights turned off when not in use?	Yes, on sensors
How do you adjust classroom/hallway/kitchen spaces for breaks/holidays?	None; parking lot lights
Is there signage reminding staff to turn off lights when not in use?	no

Heating/Cooling

Do off-hour activities extend operating hours for energy-using systems?	
Is natural cooling (outside air) utilized?	Sometimes
Are there any guidelines on indoor temperature use? How do you handle the thermostats on a day-to-day basis? Where are they located? Are they vulnerable to occupant adjustment? What are the settings for heating and cooling season? Is it adjusted for unoccupied periods?	Thermostats need replaced; no programming AAON system is 75 all the time Not adjusted for unoccupied periods
What’s the maintenance schedule for the HVAC systems?	Every three months; switching to monthly in July
Is heating/AC used in unoccupied spaces?	Yes
Are radiators blocked by furniture or other things which can restrict circulation?	No

Are electric space heaters used anywhere?	Yes (St. Francis Hall second floor, some offices in schools)
Is the exhaust system operation programmed?	No
Is there any sort of maintenance routine for checking leaks/cracks in pipes?	Yes
Are boilers maintained on a scheduled basis?	Boiler located in boiler room downstairs, checked once a month in winter
Is there insulation on the roof space?	
Are there any cracked windows?	Some
Is there evidence of issues with double glazing in windows (moisture between panes)?	Some
Do the windows/doors stay closed when heat/AC is on?	For the most part (teacher discretion)
Could the building reduce heat by closing blinds or using reflective film in windows?	Yes, blinds are in place
Is AC run at the same time as heating?	No
Does the chiller operate during cold weather to provide AC?	Sometimes
Do multiple AC compressors start simultaneously?	No
Do multiple boilers/heaters fire simultaneously?	No

Additional Comments:

AAON system are biggest energy consumers (rooftop units)
 3 cooling systems in building (2 on roof for east/west side, external air intake, run 24/7, secondary cooling for offices/classrooms that are on thermostats)
 St. Francis Hall does not have cooling

Water

Are there evident water leaks/drips?	No
Are water temperatures reduced during unoccupied periods?	Takes really long time to get hot
What is the hot water temperature set at?	140 (guess)
Are water fountains on a timer?	no
Are there devices in place to conserve heated water?	

Equipment

Is equipment kept on “energy saving” mode during the day?	Yes; all new printers bought last year
Can computers be switched off during the day?	Yes but most are not
Are the computer, fax machines, photocopiers, etc turned off at night?	Yes (no school-wide policy, but definitely done)
Can a 7-day timer be put on some of the equipment (water coolers, vending machines, photocopiers)?	Coke machine condenser is shut off at night; ice cream machine runs 24/7; Coke machine in St. Francis Hall
Do vending machines remain energized during unoccupied periods?	Yes
Are fridges placed next to heat sources?	No
Is the fridge thermostat working properly and set to the right temp?	Yes Household fridges, industrial in kitchen (temp turned up in summer)
Are icemakers turned off?	No (two icemakers run 24/)
Are microwaves, coffee machines, etc. unplugged after use?	No
Are any of the appliances upgraded to energy-efficient models?	Unsure (water machine potentially upgraded) Ice machine may need upgraded as well
Is there signage informing staff of these energy-saving strategies?	No

Additional Comments: One of the freezers is shut down in the summer

Appendix II

IPL Report

Appendix III

Waste Management Assessment

Date: 6/5/2019

General Questions

<p>Check major waste generating activities. Make a star next to the ones that generate the most waste.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office supplies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Kitchen wastes (school lunches, Sunday mass, special events) <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping (yard clippings) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shipping containers (cardboard) <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please explain):</p>
How many times does waste get collected each week?	5 times M-F
How much waste do you generate each week that is placed in a dumpster? (How many dumpsters are full?)	½ to ¾ full each night
Have you mapped where bins and dumpsters are located?	No
What is the current waste handling cost?	\$420 monthly
How is waste handled that’s generated by the rectory?	N/A
What do employees typically do for lunch?	Brown bag or eat out
Are there vending/soda machines anywhere? How many?	Yes. 4 total machines.
Is e-mail encouraged (rather than printing out paper)?	yes
Do printers have double-sided capabilities? If so, do you encourage double-sided copies?	yes
Do you buy paper/office supplies made from recycled content?	yes
What’s the process for determining the need for office supplies?	N/A
How much of the waste generated in a week would you estimate is compostable? How much is actually composted?	¼. None is composted
Does leftover food get donated to charities?	No
Do you have composting capability on-site?	No
Do you reuse or repurpose anything? Explain.	No
Are there any unused items (furniture, equipment, etc) being stored in the building that could be reused?	Yes
How much recycled material do you estimate	300 lbs generated. 200 lbs recycled.

is generated each week? How much is actually recycled?	
Is there a recycling program in place? If yes, how often does recycling get collected?	Yes. 1 time weekly
How many recycling bins are there? Where are they located?	6 toters deployed throughout the school building
Please provide details of any waste reduction/recycling efforts (including special events, festivals, sporting events, etc).	
What percentage of your parishioners (or students, faculty, staff) do you estimate recycles their waste at home?	10%
Are there dedicated recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges?	no
Is there standardized bin signage for recycling/trash bins?	yes
Are there posters/other materials reminding users of good recycling practices?	no
What materials would you prioritize if a recycling program was in place?	Compost materials, kitchen waste, paper

Waste Audit

Recyclable items	Is this in your trash?	What Percentage?
Paper (e.g., office paper, mail, magazines, shredded paper, file folders, packing paper)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	50
Paper boxes (e.g. cereal, cookie and cracker boxes, supplies and electronics boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Plastic bottles, jugs, cups, food containers (clean), packaging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	40
Metal cans and pans (rinsed) from food and beverages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	15
Cartons (milk and broth cartons, juice boxes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	100
Glass bottles and jars from food and beverages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	75
Organic material (food scraps, napkins)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	100

Additional Comments: Kitchen does not utilize any recycling programs at this time.

Appendix IV

Outdoor Space Assessment

Date: 6/13/2019

How many acres does the parish own?	11
Estimate the percentage of that land that is non-hard surface (no parking lots or buildings).	50%
Describe the landscaping on the property.	Mature trees, shrubs, flowers, various plants, mulch
How many trees are planted on the property? What types of trees are they?	22 trees consisting of maple, magnolia, pear, and crabapple
Are there flowers planted on the property?	Yes
Are there any ponds, lakes, or natural springs on the property?	No
How often is grass typically mowed?	Once weekly during spring and summer, PRN
How are grass clippings handled?	mulched
How is other outdoor waste (leaves, sticks, etc) handled?	Disposed of
Is the lawn treated? How often and with what kind of materials?	Yes, 5x's annually. Fertilizer and weed control
Are pesticides/fertilizers used anywhere? If yes, please explain the kind of chemical used and how it is used on the property.	Yes NA
Are there any native plants on the property? If so, describe the type of plant and where they are located.	No
Is the lawn watered? If so, how often?	No
Are the athletic fields watered? How often?	Occasionally during summer months
What is the source of water used for irrigation?	Local water source
Is rainwater harvested and used for irrigation?	no
How is roof water directed?	To storm drains
How is runoff handled from the property? (drainage to stormsewers, retention/detention ponds, raingardens, etc)	To storm drains
Are there sump pumps from the basements to discharge water, keeping the basement dry?	yes
What time of day is the property watered?	NA
Is there a sprinkler system in place? If so, is there a timer or quick shut-off valves on the system?	no
Is there a vegetable garden on the property?	no
Is mulch used on the property? How much is purchased and how often is it purchased? What is the source of the mulch?	22 cubic yards. Crushed and tinted pallets
Are the athletic fields grass or turf?	grass

Appendix V

Transportation Assessment

Date: 6/24/2019

School

How many employees and students drive to work/school on a daily basis?	66 employees, 125 students.
What’s the longest distance a student/family drives to school?	35 minutes/25 miles.
What percentage of students get picked-up/dropped-off at school by their parents?	75 percent
What time is pick-up for students? How long do parents typically wait in line to pick up their kids?	3:05pm. Typical wait is 5-15 minutes.
What percentage of students walk/ride their bike to school?	2 percent
Do you have school buses? How many? What percentage of students are eligible for bus services?	Yes. 5 buses. Seccina does not offer transportation.
What percentage of students take the bus to school?	Zero. Seccina does not offer transportation.
How many days in a week are the school buses used? How many days in a year?	When school is in session, they are used each day. 180 days.
Are there bike racks on your property? How many?	Yes. One bike rack
How many students drive to school?	100-125
Do students carpool? Is there an incentive to carpool?	Yes. Some carpooling. No incentives that I’m aware of.
Do students pay for parking passes?	Yes
Are there any other vehicles owned by the parish/school? Please list them and explain what their use(s) is/are.	1 Drivers Ed vehicle

ATTACHMENT 3

SELECTED PROGRAM EVALUATION RESPONSES

Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Matthews
St. Mary
Holy Spirit
Seccina Memorial High School



16 November 2019

Dear Archdiocesan Creation Care Commission:

This past summer Our Lady of Lourdes parish participated in the pilot Sustainability Project. The project was extremely well run, comprehensive in scope, and drew many parish members into the “looking around, noticing, and realizing what is realistic for us to do”.

What has sprung from the plan given to us is a comprehensive set of goals and objectives. In addition, it has spurred the initiation of a robust, 9 member Creation Care Committee. This committee is moving forward to implement the plan. They are passionate about this need. They have embraced “Laudato Si”. And they are determined to bring to our parish what it needs to be aware here, at home, and at work the principles and practices that are doable, practical and sustainable.

Thank you for setting us on this path.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Father Rick Ginther". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Father Rick Ginther, Pastor

PROGRAM TESTIMONIALS

“The Archdiocesan pilot program on sustainability was extremely helpful to our Creation Care team and Holy Spirit Parish as we develop our Creation Care program and looks for ways to develop sustainable practices in our church and school communities. The thorough assessment of our practices and development of a proposed action plan have given our Creation Care team momentum and direction to focus on key areas of education, tree planting, collaboration with our school, and possible solar energy options. Having the archdiocesan group there as a resource and source of helpful information, will also help us continue to learn and improve as a team.”

- Kerry Beidelman, Chair, Holy Spirit Creation Care Ministry

“I LOVED the program and hope they will continue it every three months or so. I want to invite the religious education director and the administrative assistant since they should also be aware of these things. I got an idea from the facility manager at Scecina High School to turn off the cold water on the water fountains (so that the water is at room temp instead), which usually runs 24/7. Nobody has complained a bit! I only see the facility managers at the yearly Asbestos training so it was also very nice to talk and share ideas!”

- Francisco Ruiz, St. Mary Catholic Church

“I already provided some reflections about the program in the evaluation of the pilot sustainability project that I turned in. To those reflections I can add that I really enjoyed our participation very much in the pilot project. I just wished I could have generated that same enthusiasm from staff and members of St. Matthew Parish. Nonetheless, I attended most of the workshops presented and learned quite a lot. Our parish benefited much from the energy evaluation of our facilities, and the future plan worked out for St. Matthew has set some goals and objectives for us to discuss and work towards achieving. If nothing else, participating in the pilot project has made us at St. Matthew more conscious of our use of energy, and how we need to be concerned about sustaining the environment of the world we live in. Would I recommend other parishes participate in this project? Indeed I would, but with the caveat to be sure to lay a solid groundwork with the parish beforehand, to get the Parish Council and the various commissions all on board. It is probably a good idea for the Parish also to seek to establish some kind of Creation Care Committee before getting involved, so there will be a group to spearhead participation with some enthusiasm and spur enthusiasm in others in the parish.”

- Fr. Nick Dant, Pastor, St. Matthew Parish



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November 25, 2019

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Re: **2019 Season of Creation Report**

Dear Archbishop Thompson:

Enclosed is one copy of our *2019 Season of Creation report* for your consideration. Based on the results of our efforts this year and your personal support, we believe the program carried out was successful and we hope to continue to expand our efforts next year.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report, we would be interested in meeting with you whenever it is convenient to discuss our future efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Creation Care Commission

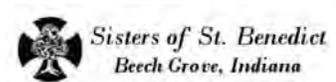
John Mundell and Rosemary Spalding, Our Lady of Lourdes
Sharon Horvath and Andy Pike, St. Thomas Aquinas
Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, Sisters of St. Benedict, Beech Grove
Joe Shierling, Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral
Alicia Nygra, St. Malachy

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cc: Deacon Mike Braun, Director of Pastoral Ministries

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ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS CREATION CARE COMMISSION SEASON OF CREATION 2019

FINAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pope Francis has officially proclaimed September 1st to October 4th the Season of Creation for the Catholic Church. The Creation Care Commission (CCC) of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, with support from Mundell & Associates, spearheaded an effort to spread the message of prayer and action to protect creation. Education and action programs including advocacy activities were undertaken at the archdiocesan level as well as supporting individuals and parishes in their prayer services, school climate strikes, and tree plantings.

The CCC recommends continuing the program next year, with special focus on obtaining funding for tree planting and working further in advance with parishes to hold prayer services during the Season of Creation and/or hold a “Green Mass” for all those who support and work in the field of the environment.

Highlights

Over the course of the 5 weeks, these were our highlights:

- Planting more than 200 trees in the archdiocese, with St. Gabriel making a small effort that turned into a big impact
- Involvement and excitement of students and faculty from St. Thomas Aquinas School for their Climate Strike
- Connecting with new parishes and individuals; continued participation of some of the Living Laudato Si’ pilot program participants
- People from outside the Archdiocese also participated and used resources for tree plantings and education.



2019 PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Efforts were made at both the archdiocesan level and by individual parishes. Although the Creation Care Commission did not plan individual parish events, they are worth noting as part of the Season of Creation programming.

At the Archdiocesan Level (and beyond!)

Education

One of the major focuses of the CCC for this year's Season of Creation was to educate parishes and individuals about what the Season of Creation is and how to live it.

Activities included:

- Speaking at the Priest's Deanery meeting
- Drafting a column in the archdiocesan newspaper *The Criterion* at the start of the Season of Creation for Archbishop Thompson
- Placing an ad in *The Criterion* to encourage people to join in the prayer, action and tree planting; we also created a Spanish version of this flier for a Teens4Unity group in the El Paso diocese.
- Participating in an interview with the National Catholic Reporter for activities of the Archdiocese: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/season-creation-spotlights-threats-biodiversity>
- Launching of the website OurCommonHome.org and adding resources for parishes to use specific to the Season of Creation: OurCommonHome.org/tag/season-of-creation/
- Developing a 5-week, week-by-week guide with daily actions, reflection, and background science information on high impact areas (energy, water, transportation, recycling); downloaded 58 times
- Promoting themed weekdays (e.g., Meatless Mondays - Laudato Si' Sundays) with actionable items, background information, and further reading; downloaded 50 times
- Providing weekly bulletin paragraph inserts that went out to parishes
- Screening of the film "Bag It" at Our Lady of Lourdes (organized by the Eastside Creation Care Network)

See **Appendix A** for examples of these educational materials.

Tree Planting

A second big focus of the CCC efforts was inviting parishes to participate in an archdiocesan-wide tree planting on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis and last day of the Season of Creation. Research was done to find qualified tree purchase locations for each county in the archdiocese to enable the purchase of trees at affordable costs.

More interest in the idea of planting trees was generated after an effort was made to centralize the purchase of trees from Woody Warehouse and offer 5 free trees to a set number of parishes. A total of 200 trees (Red Maple, Sycamore, and Tulip Poplar) were purchased ranging from \$10.50 - \$14 per tree (including delivery to 2 Indianapolis parish locations).

Tree Planting Locations and Photos

PARISH	Red Maple	Sycamore	Tulip Poplar	Other
St. Gabriel	75	20	50	
St. Mary	7		2	
Holy Spirit	8			
Christ the King	3	1	1	
Sisters of St. Benedict	5			
St. Paul	2	2	1	
St. Mark	2	2	1	
St. Thomas Aquinas				4
St. Malachy	5			
St. Michael	5			
Sacred Heart	5			
St. Anthony	3			
TOTAL	120	25	55	4



Advocacy

The CCC participated in the September 20 Global Climate Strike in solidarity with young people all over the world. A prayer service was held at St. John the Evangelist in Indianapolis before heading to strike with other groups from around the city at the Indiana Statehouse. A small group attended the prayer service, with 3 generations represented. Members of the commission engaged in discussions with bystanders at the event who were interested in the signs we held.



Social Media and Website

Much of the work to spread the word about the Season of Creation was done through the CCC Facebook group and Flocknote email subscribers who signed up on OurCommonHome.org website. Highlights included:

- The Facebook group more than doubled (from 19 to 43 people)
- 35 people (including people from around the archdiocese, the United States, and one participant from Argentina) put their points on the map at the OurCommonHome.org website.
- 35 people (same as above) received a weekly email in Flocknote with action items, background information, and inspirational links about areas of high impact.
- In response to increased activity on social media, the CCC created a Twitter account and new Facebook page at the handle @CommonHomeIndy. The current Facebook group will remain to allow group discussions of best practices.

At the Parish Level

Connecting with Parishes

In response to the educational and social media outreach efforts, many new connections were made with parishes during the Season of Creation. These include:

- Sacred Heart (members of the CCC spoke during three of their Masses and gave away 5 trees)
- St. Thomas the Apostle (interest in starting Creation Care Team)
- St. Mary of the Knobs (interest in starting creation care initiatives)
- Christ the King (interest in starting Creation Care Team)
- Bishop Chatard High School (reached out to make the faculty advisor aware of the tree planting event and CCC, she was happy to connect)

The CCC is discussing how best to follow up with these parishes.

Prayer Services

Various prayer services took place across the archdiocese at the beginning of the Season of Creation and on October 4. These were planned by the parishes/schools, although members of the CCC attended some and assisted St. Gabriel in finding a prayer service in both English and Spanish.

- St. Thomas Aquinas (beginning)
- Holy Spirit Indianapolis (beginning)
- St. Gabriel (Oct 4)
- Christ the King (Oct 4)
- Sisters of St. Benedict (Oct 4)

School Climate Strike

St. Thomas Aquinas School undertook a significant effort to hold a school-wide climate strike on September 27. The activities were organized within a week of one teacher being inspired with a nudge from parishioner and CCC member Sharon Horvath. Highlights of the day included a prayer service, a presentation by Earth Charter Indiana, door decorating, and students taking to the street with their banners made in Art and Science class. More information at: <https://ourcommonhome.org/st-thomas-aquinas-parish-and-school-celebrate-the-season-of-creation/>.



EVALUATION

Being the first year of organizing activities for the Season of Creation, the CCC was overall pleased with the response and actions taken by individuals and parishes. There are several clear areas of improvement.

Improvements for Next Year

Reaching out to individual parishes/schools: Time was spent this year creating and researching the education resources, emails, and tree purchasing information at the beginning and middle of the Season of Creation. Some activities were finalized within a week and did not have much time to be distributed. It is suggested to:

- Have all programs and tree planting information in place at least a month before the Season of Creation begins
- Reach out to participants in this year's programs a month in advance to encourage them to hold prayer services for the beginning of the Season of Creation and coordinate efforts to involve parishioners in tree plantings;
- Reach out to new parishes / schools at the beginning of the Season of Creation to encourage planting trees on the parish property. Start with parishes we know have Creation Care Teams or clubs.
- Create a School Climate Strike plan to distribute to schools based on the activities of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Coordination of Tree Plantings: At the beginning of the Season of Creation there was some back and forth about trees being free or groups having to purchase them on their own. 70% of the cost of the trees (about \$2,000 total) was sponsored by Mundell & Associates, with most groups signing on after free trees were offered. The distribution of the trees was not much of an issue this year; however, it could be improved on. Suggestions for next year include:

- Obtain sponsorship of \$2000 - \$5,000 to purchase trees from Woody Warehouse to give away to parishes
- Coordinating tree delivery to 2 far south locations (Woody Warehouse only delivers within 60 mile radius of Lizton, Indiana)
- Working further in advance with the parishes to hold a prayer service associated with the tree planting or make that a 'requirement' for receiving the free trees
- Encourage parishes who planted trees this year to reach out to at least one other parish and encourage them plant some trees
- Create a guide of how to engage parishioners based on the success of St. Gabriel

Alternatively, we could coordinate tree plantings in the spring, by ordering from the Vallonia State Nursery. These small seedlings are less than 50 cents each and are shipped at the beginning of March; however there is no guaranteed ship date which could create planning problems.

New Initiatives

In addition to improvements mentioned, the following are additional programs that could be added:

Hosting an archdiocesan-wide Green Mass and event: Several parishes across the country host “Green Masses” on October 4th (the Feast Day of St. Francis) for all those interested in the care of creation, as well as those working in the environmental field. The CCC recommends:

- Holding a Green Mass on October 4th
- Including a tree planting by the Archbishop following the Mass

Tapping into interactive eco-challenge programs: Create parish level challenges that are spread and coordinated via social media. These could be based off some of our existing challenges in the 2019 5 week program. Example of a site that could be used: <https://ecochallenge.org/blog/peoples-ecochallenge-2019>

CONCLUSIONS

The CCC was encouraged by the different activities and new contacts made during the first efforts to highlight the Season of Creation. With permanent placement in both the school and church calendar years, the Season of Creation has an opportunity to develop into a far reaching and key program of the CCC, and may act as a springboard for increased environmental awareness and engagement at the local parish level.

We hope to expand funding and coordination for next year’s activities starting in early 2020.

APPENDIX A

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Season of Creation Flier
Bilingual Season of Creation Flier (for El Paso)
Sept 20 Climate Strike Demands
Daily Theme Guide (Energy Awareness Tuesdays example)
Weekly Program (Week 1 example)
Fall Tree Sale Guide (page 1 of 5)
Season of Creation website resources

Season of Creation

Join the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Christians and other faith traditions from around the world in prayer and action to protect creation

SEPT 1
through
OCT 4

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change

(Laudato Si' #202)

ACTION PROGRAMS

-  Meatless Mondays
-  Energy Awareness Tuesdays
-  Water Conservation Wednesdays
-  Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Thursdays
-  Walk, Bike, Share-a-ride to Work Fridays
-  Take-a-hike Saturdays
-  Laudato Si' Sundays

Register Now
St. Francis Feast Day
 **Tree Planting**
OCT 4

Full action programs, best practices and registration for groups, parishes, schools, and individuals at

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Tiempo de la Creación

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change

Muchas cosas tienen que reorientar su rumbo, pero ante todo la humanidad necesita cambiar

(Laudato Si' #202)

TAKE ACTION!

¡Entra en Acción!



Meatless Mondays
Lunes sin carne



Energy Awareness Tuesdays
Martes de conciencia energética



Water Conservation Wednesdays
Miércoles de conservación de agua



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Thursdays
Jueves de reducir, reusar y reciclar



Walk, Bike, Share-a-ride to Work Fridays
Viernes de caminar, andar en bicicleta y compartir el viaje al trabajo



Take-a-hike Saturdays
Sábados de escalar



Laudato Si' Sundays
Domingos de Laudato Si'

Regístrate ahora
Fiesta de San Francisco



Plantar árboles

OCT 4

On Facebook

@chicosx.launidad



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Climate Strike
Sept 20, 2019

Our Demands

from the Laudato Si' Generation

We call on political leaders and competent institutions to take seriously and urgently the main scientists' warnings, by:

- Achieving 100% renewable energy to “put an end to the fossil fuel era” in line with the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.
- Implementing the Global Compact for Migration, to deal with environmental refugees so that “nobody is left behind”.
- Protecting at least 30% of the planet’s ecosystems by 2030, with special attention to the indigenous communities living in those biodiverse regions, in application of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity
- Actively committing for a universal and fair access to drinking water by 2030, as foreseen in the SDGs goal 6 (Sustainable Development Goals of the UN 2030 Agenda)
- Adopting a “circular economy” model, to challenge the “modern myth of unlimited material progress” (LS 78) and the “unlimited growth” (LS 106) paradigm.

OurCommonHome.org/strike

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Energy Aware Tuesdays

In times like these where almost any activity needs electricity, we have to look for ways to save energy. Electricity production from fossil fuels is the biggest source of greenhouse gases and, in Indiana, we get 89% of our electricity from coal and natural gas.

Saving energy is not only good for the environment, but good for your wallet too! Small actions such as turning down the thermostat on your water heater, or bigger investments like purchasing ENERGY STAR appliances, start paying off right from the start!

Lord - every breath we take is evidence of Your loving mercy. Help our gratitude and love for You to be evident not just in the words we speak, but also in our care for the environment, and with lifestyles that can be easily sustained by an earth we share with others.

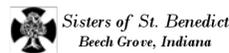
Take Action!

- Read a book or pray instead of watching TV or using the computer
- Open the curtains facing the sun during the day and close the curtains at night
- Challenge yourself to go a whole day without turning on any lights
- Insulate the first 3 feet of pipe that enter/exit your water heater
- Wash clothes with cold water - today's laundry detergents work just as well in cold temperatures

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Energy Aware Tuesdays

Resources

More ways to save

- [31 Ways to Save Energy in Your Home \(with coloring page\)](#)
- [10 Simple Ways to Save Money on Your Energy Bill](#)

Impacts of energy waste on the environment

- darksky.org/light-pollution/energy-waste/

Media and tools

- [Renewable energy, explained](#) (video)
- [EPA's Carbon Footprint Calculator](#)
- [Caring for God's Creation One Solar Panel at a Time](#) (Catholic Energies)
- [Encyclical Climate Action Kit](#) (Interfaith Power & Light/Catholic Climate Covenant)

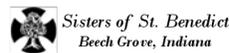
Articles

- [Top 11 Things You Didn't Know About Saving Energy at Home](#) (Energy.gov)
- [7 Easy Ways to Make Buildings Energy Efficient](#) (EcoWatch)
- [Getting off Fossil Fuels, One Conversation at a Time](#) (Catholic Climate Movement)

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Fall 2019 Tree Sales



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Many Soil and Water conservation districts (SWCD) hold native tree sales in the spring and fall and can help you choose what tree is best for the soils of your location. (See also [this guide to selecting a tree species](#)).

We've compiled a list of tree sales and for purchasing trees for an Oct 4 tree planting close to each of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis deaneries.

Batesville Deanery

Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Shelby counties

Bartholomew County 2019 Native Tree Sale

Orders due September 6

\$26.75 per tree

Pickup at 1040 2nd Street, Columbus, IN 47201 on September 25

<http://www.bartholomewswcd.org/portfolio/2019-native-tree-sale/>

OHIO - Hamilton County 2019 Native Tree Sale

Orders due September 14

\$29 per tree

Pickup at various locations on September 21

<https://www.greatparks.org/calendar/special-events/native-tree-shrub-sale>

Bloomington Deanery

Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Shelby counties

Bartholomew County 2019 Native Tree Sale

Orders due September 6

\$26.75 per tree

Pickup at 1040 2nd Street, Columbus, IN 47201 on September 25

<http://www.bartholomewswcd.org/portfolio/2019-native-tree-sale/>

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OurCommonHome.org – Screenshot of Season of Creation Resources

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://ourcommonhome.org/tag/season-of-creation/>. The page header includes the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Creation Care Commission logo and navigation buttons for "Season of Creation", "Living Laudato Si' Pilot", "All Resources", and "Who We Are". A search icon is also present. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with links for "Catholic Social Teaching", "Prayer, Songs, and Liturgy", "Advocacy", "Climate Change Basics", "Sustainable Practices", and "NEWS". The main content area features a large banner image of a forested mountain range at sunrise, with a white box in the center containing the text "Season of Creation". Below the banner are three resource cards:

- Guía para organizar una plantación de árboles y servicio de oración**
Prayer / Reflection
Tu plantación de árboles comunitaria dejará un recuerdo vivo de tu compromiso de proteger los bosques y a quienes dependen de ellos. (Tree planting prayer service – Spanish) ...
- Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (2019)**
Homily Help
Bulletin from Pope Francis on September 1, 2019. ...
Category: Catholic Social Teaching
Tag: Season of Creation
- Morning Prayer for Climate Action Day**
Prayer / Reflection
Prayer for an opening prayer of a high school assembly about climate change or standalone prayer. An action component is included, enabling students to participate in this day of action which Pope Francis endorsed. ...