

Creation Care

in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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

(LS #202)

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.

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.

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.



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Ministry

The vision, mission, and guiding principles of Creation Care in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis were established in 2015 with the encouragement of then Archbishop Joseph Tobin. As of the beginning of 2021, we are a group of volunteers working together remotely in this ministry. Creation Care Ministry is under the direction of the Office of Pastoral Ministries.



ArchIndy Creation Care Ministry

On the journey with you to



UNDERSTANDING
of the Church's teaching on creation
through Faith Formation



CARBON FOOTPRINT
of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
through facility and individual action

How We Can Help



Starting a Creation Care Team

One of the first steps to bring Creation Care into the folds of the parish is setting up a team. Whether a couple of staff, or a diverse group from the parish and school we have experience and ideas to get you started!



Faith Formation / Parishioner Engagement

Finding the right faith formation resources and parishioner engagement strategies can be challenging. We can help you identify resources to study Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, take action during the Season of Creation, or learn about the current climate crisis in the lens of Catholic social teaching.



Networking

Have you heard an idea and are wondering how to implement it or if others have done it? We have a wide network with other faith and public organizations and congregations across the state, after working for many years in both our professional and volunteer roles to protect our common home.



Speakers

Our team (and others in our network) can speak to small groups, at Mass, at schools, or via online workshops on topics related to the Church's teaching on creation for creation or the science behind the climate crisis.



Assessments

Evaluating energy, water, waste, transportation and outdoor spaces is an important part of a comprehensive creation care plan. During the process you will create sustainability goals as well as a plan for parish faith formation.

Assessments can include the *IPL Small Business Direct Install Program*, which may result in the installation of **FREE energy efficient products**.



Trees

Free / Reduced Prices

We love trees for their many benefits and creation of sacred spaces! Periodically we hold native tree sales and giveaways or can help you apply for free trees from the local nonprofit, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful.

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