



LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM Public Statement of Commitment

As the **Dominican Sisters of Amityville, New York** we are part of the larger Dominican Family, the international Order of Preachers. In our tradition we embrace four foundational pillars as we follow in the footsteps of Saints Dominic and Catherine of Siena - community, mission, study and prayer. As these pillars continue to become part of our daily lives, they enable us to focus our attention on the cry of the poor and the cry of Earth.

These foundational pillars are at the heart of some of our recent congregational reflections and actions. In our *Land Ethic* created in 2001, we stated: "We come to know that there is a single sacred community of Earth which includes all its component members both human and other than human, and that land has its own unique interiority and is not simply something we control." In our 2006, 2012 and 2018 *Chapter Statements*, we challenged ourselves to deepen our consciousness of the oneness of creation, to foster focused action on preserving the viability of Earth, to promote solidarity with those most vulnerable, especially women and children, and to grow in our care for one another and all creation.

In this spirit we, the Dominican Sisters, Associates and Young Adults of Amityville, New York, publicly commit to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a seven-year journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a plan and concrete actions in union with the seven goals of the *Laudato Si' Action Platform*. This flows from Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*. In making this commitment, we also follow in the footsteps of St. Albert the Great, a Dominican friar, scholar and scientist whose study, teaching and writing embraced all of creation.


Living out of our foundational pillars, our commitment is an invitation to discern how we may more deeply:

- Listen and respond to the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor
- Grow in our ecological conversion by re-examining our relationships with the Creator, creation and our sisters and brothers throughout the global community
- Collaborate with all people of goodwill in sowing hope for peace and addressing the multiple crises afflicting our common home – Earth and its people.

In making this commitment, we realize that “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue.” (LS 217).

To learn more, go to www.laudatosiainctionplatform.org.


December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent


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Note: We are launching our Year 1 Plan on February 1, 2022 which is Black History Month (BHM). Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee made a decision to jump start our **LSAP** and follow up our **2/2021 presentation on Racism**, by launching

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Priority #2 ...FIRST.

While this decision does not preclude our moving the other two priorities at the same time, our invitations to the entire Amityville congregation will focus on Priority #2 initially. As LSAP is an evolving project, the JPIC and individuals will pay attention to actions that further the other 2 priorities for Year 1, and communicate any actions on them to JPIC, who will hold these for posting in the LSAP.



PRIORITIES for Year 1

Priority #1 – To listen and respond to the Cry of the EARTH

Priority #2 – To listen and respond to the Cry of the Poor

Priority #3 – To provide Ecological Education wherever possible



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Priority #1 – To listen and respond to the Cry of the EARTH Suggested Actions for all the Amityville Family and friends to participate

- ✓ Explore the possibilities of working with the Shinnecock Women's Project; 1st meeting is March 5th, 2022
- ✓ Research other environmental groups on LI; let them know what we are doing and if there is a way for us to work together?
10/28/2021 Eath Focus met with:
Adrienne Esposito from Citizen Campaign
Karen Burke, CSJ
Amanda Cronin from EmPower Solar
- ✓ Read "Doing Theology in an Evolutionary Way" by Diarmuid O'Murchu, which sheds light on the care of the earth and care of the poor through an evolutionary lens.
- ✓ Read the article [Top Ten Takeaways from 'Laudato Si'](#)
By James Martin, SJ
- ✓ Invite Sisters, Associate and Dominican Young Adults to name places on the grounds where they find the presence of God palpable, write a brief why.
- ✓ We could create and offer sacred contemplative walks in the spring on our grounds.

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Priority #2 – To listen and respond to the Cry of the Poor Suggested Actions for all the Amityville Family and friends to participate



Provide a weekly suggested action

- ✓ Week of Jan 31st - We suggest you select 1 of the books listed below to read:

- *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson
- *400 Souls – 1619 – 2019* Ed by Ibram X Kendi
- *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith

- ✓ Week of Feb 7th - We suggest you watch the YouTube video from *Abraham's Table* where a Panel of interfaith leaders on Long Island discuss *How does Martin Luther King's message resonate in today's world.* [Click here](#)

- ✓ Week of Feb 14th- On Youtube view ***We Need to Talk about an Injustice*** (23 minutes)
In an engaging and personal talk -- with cameo appearances from his grandmother and Rosa Parks -- human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson shares some hard truths about America's justice system,

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2tOp7OxyQ8&feature=share>

- ✓ Week of Feb 21st. –
 - ✓ Take some time to view the Civil Rights Memorial on line. Be sure to note the 40 people who were martyred and why. [click here](#) or
 - ✓ Read this article Civil Rights Memorial listed in Attachments in TCP

- ✓ Week of Feb 28th – 2 Zoom “Casual Conversations” (One during the day and one in the evening) where we can share one learning that touched us personally from our Black History Month experience.



Priority #2 – To listen and respond to the Cry of the Poor

Suggested Actions for all of the Amityville Family and friends to participate

 **To reach out to the secular community on Long Island**

- ✓ Continue from 2020 (Lawn event acknowledging World Refugee Day, Immigrants, and Juneteenth) to connect with

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our North Amityville neighbors; this could also be a challenge presented to The Opening Word and the Farm.

- ✓ Pray for and support the ongoing efforts of Visitation House.
- ✓ Continue our congregations engagement with LIIC (Long Island Immigration Clinic).
- ✓ To use our influence to educate people in the pews about Laudato Si:

JPIC will provide 6 ready to insert bulletin blubs to be inserted one per month in the parish bulletin; create a plan for distribution and offer minimal assistance if needed.



**Priority #3 – To provide Ecological Education wherever possible
Suggested Actions for all of the Amityville Family and
friends to participate**

-  **Understand and appreciate the connection food consumption and the environment**

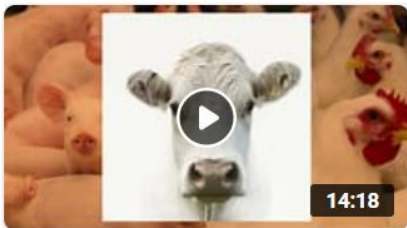
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- ✓ Maintain an active connectedness with the Sustainability Institute of Molloy College.
- ✓ Encourage local Communities to have meatless Mondays (or any other day) and view a video on this issue together.

Video: Opinion Meet the People Getting Paid to Kill Our Planet

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 **To heighten our awareness that we live on an island and how this impacts our goals**

- ✓ To continue the understanding, education and impact of the easement of our Amityville property on the local community

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- ✓ To maintain our involvement with the other Religious Congregations and their Justice Promoters on Long Island