

ADW Laudato Si Action Plan

Thank you to Cardinal Gregory for the [ADW Laudato Si' Action Plan!](#) This plan is a significant step forward for the Archdiocese. It makes response to climate change an Archdiocesan priority and provides a framework for parishioners, parishes, and the Archdiocese itself to address the climate crisis with practical action. It is designed in harmony with the seven goals of the [Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform.](#)

The [Catholic Standard](#) and [El Pregonero](#) both reported about this ecological marker of the ADW.

In his [opening letter](#), Cardinal Gregory writes:

I want to thank the members of the Archdiocesan Care for Creation Committee for their attentiveness and diligent work in preparing this Action Plan for *Laudato Si'* during this special 5th anniversary year of this great encyclical. I am so very pleased that the Archdiocese of Washington is launching this Action Plan at the conclusion of this anniversary year in honor of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

The Co-Chairs of St. Matthew's Care for Creation Green Team, Phil Downey, Jr. and Dr. Simone Seym, are core members of the Archdiocesan Care for Creation Committee and have both participated in preparing this Laudato Si' Action Plan. They want to express their deep gratitude to Cardinal Gregory, Genevieve Mougey and Dr. Bob Simon for their shared wisdom, vision, and perseverance.

In this upcoming Season of Creation 2021, September 1st to October 4th, St. Matthew's Care for Creation Green Team will invite you to participate in putting this Plan into Action! Stay tuned!