

***** **TAKE THE 9-DAY (AND BEYOND) LAUDATO SI' CHALLENGE!** *****



Reflect on each *Laudato Si'* key messages from our Holy Father.

- 1. **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- 2. **Care for God’s Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- 3. **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- 4. **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- 5. **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- 6. **Technological and economic development** must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- 7. **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- 8. **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- 9. **Hope and Joy.** “Injustice is not invincible” (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God’s vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

Explore the complete *Laudato Si'* encyclical [here](#)

Mark your calendar and join our brothers/sisters in **Global Day of Prayer – Sun., May 24.** Learn / register [here](#)

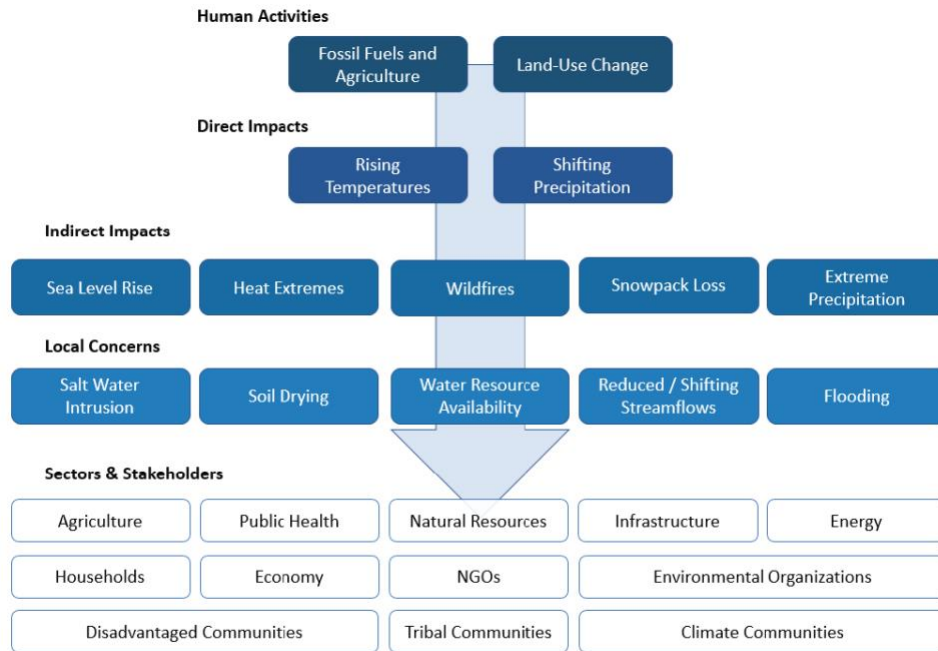
Further your *Laudato Si'* reflections and commitment:

Take the St. Francis/Laudato Si' Pledge [here](#)

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- Explore and consider the local risks, impacts of climate changes and solutions to them. Click: [Climate Change Assessment – 2018 Sacramento Valley Region Report \(by UC Davis\)](#)



Human greenhouse gas emissions and land-use affect energy flows in the atmosphere that raise temperatures and shifts precipitation, with many direct and indirect effects in the Sacramento Valley.

What might you do to take action to reduce reported climate risks living in the Sacramento area?

- Reduce energy dependency when possible (e.g. **walk/bike vs. driving**). Promote reduced fossil fuel use and switch to increased renewable energy sources (e.g. **solar**).
- Plant a tree (water wise) to **shade your car or home**. Promote urban tree canopy uses and reduced heat pollution.
- Review your household water consumption and waste sources. Implement a **water conservation goal (e.g. 10%+)** and storage plan, including **stormwater capture** for landscape use.
- Consider integrating climate adapting building materials in your home (e.g. **cool roof** to reduce heat gain).
- Use land responsibly and consider impacts of certain species to our ecosystem. Promote the **control of invasive and non-native species** to our land (and waters).
- Consider **helping poor and disadvantaged communities** impacted (e.g. at-risk heat and health sensitive groups).
- **Be an advocate.** Engage 1+ friends, family members, neighbors, officials and government representatives to promote positive social and environmental practices and policies that reduce climate risk to *our* common home.

A general summary of climate risks facing the Sacramento Valley Region

- Warming air and water temperatures
- More extreme heat-waves
- Drier landscapes
- Less snow
- Variable precipitation and seasonal shifts
- More intense droughts and floods with less predictability
- Higher Delta water levels compounded by subsidence
- Increased risk of wildfire
- Loss of ecosystem habitat

- Need more action ideas? Explore and find additional possible actions [here](#)
- Commit and bring your actions to life. Make a 2020 Laudato Si'/Climate Action Pledge [here](#) (Indicate Faith Community as "St. Anthony Parish - Sacramento, CA").
- Pledge prayer: "Creator God, grant us the wisdom to better care for the earth. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love".
- Inform us you pledged and completed your challenge! Drop a quick e-mail [here](#)