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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* calls on us to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. It frames reality as an integral ecology in which everything is connected, coming from and returning to the One true source, God. Because everything is connected, our faith calls us to pray and work in solidarity to care for creation.

To vivify *Laudato Si'*, the Archdiocese of Chicago announces its co-leadership of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development's *Laudato Si' Action Platform*, which will be open for enrollment to all parishes on the World Day of the Poor, November 14. On this date, *Laudato Si'* Planning Guides and all related materials will be published, and members of the universal Church will be invited to make a firm commitment to create their own *Laudato Si'* Plans.

The Platform is a concrete way for all of us, united in Christ, to integrate the teachings of *Laudato Si'* throughout our parishes. I ask that you review with your parish pastoral council the existing resources on the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) website and to discern your parish's commitment to creating a *Laudato Si'* Plan. The implementation of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform is a tangible way to witness to our faith as we renew our local Church and care for our common home.

Thank you for giving every consideration to having your parish join the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform in solidarity with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. To learn more visit www.archchicago.org/creation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago