

LSAP SYNODAL JOURNEY SYNTHESIS TIMEBLOCK

Time	Activity	MC (LSAP Coordinator)
<p>12:30 p.m. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Registration and Socializing</p>	<p><i>Please use this time until 12:45 p.m. to meet the other delegates for this LSAP Synodal Journey Synthesis. Introduce yourself to someone new, tell what parish you are from and why the Spirit has drawn you here today. Then have the other person do the same. Share a word of gratitude and blessing for their journey. See how many people you can meet before our session begins.</i></p>
<p>12:45 p.m. 7 minutes</p>	<p>Welcome, Thanks to Host, Orientation</p>	<p>MC/Coordinator calls everyone into a circle around the rope on the floor, near the prayer table, asking them to wear or carry their Living <i>Laudato Si'</i> necklace. MC asks everyone to pick up the section of the rope in front of them, separating themselves between the tape markers. Participants are then invited to tie their necklace between the taped section of the rope. MC also asks them to make note of the person standing next to them. The rope and necklaces are laid across the prayer table until the closing ceremony. MC now addresses those in the circle making some of the following points about the symbolism of the rope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interconnectedness • Strength • Resilience • Unity in Christ • Solidarity in bringing the teachings of <i>Laudato Si'</i> to the local Church <p>MC thanks the host team for their hospitality, orients everyone to the space and invites the hosts to speak. Reminder to keep cell phones on silent and tucked away. He/She now invites everyone to move to the tables: Cry of the Earth or Cry of the Poor, based on their assignment for the first movement of the journey.</p>

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<p>12:52 p.m. 3 minutes</p>	<p>Intended Outcome</p>	<p><i>Our Synodal Journey has been grounded in the Holy Spirit over these past eight weeks. Today, in this Synodal Journey Synthesis, we continue in the presence of the Spirit and will craft themes for our diocese's Laudato Si' Action Platform roadmap. These themes will be generated from the many trends that emerged from our five sessions across the archdiocese. These trends are the ones you identified on the sheets you brought with you today.</i></p> <p><i>Again, our objective is to “synthesize” the trends you worked on at home and develop the “themes” that will be used to craft an LSAP roadmap for the local Church — both for our parishes and for the supporting diocesan ministries and structures. Remember your role is to represent the collective voices of those from the previous sessions as detailed in the document you were given in preparation for today.</i></p> <p><i>These themes will then be paired with the Vatican's LSAP Suggested Actions. In this way, the themes which emerged from our Synodal Journey will be integrated with the Universal Church. Delegates from each of our vicariate sessions will review them next week, and then they will be shared with the Archdiocese of Chicago LSAP Commission. Finally, in a complete loop, this roadmap will be sent back to pastors and the faithful. This Synodal Journey is a sacred path to integrate “Laudato Si'” in our local Church.</i></p> <p><i>One of the grounding principles of our ministry is synodality. The roadmap emerging from this synodal journey is a guide to help us reach the Desired Outcomes of the LSAP Goals. THIS ROADMAP IS OURS. Parishes will take this content and live it. The Archdiocese of Chicago likewise has a role to play. Its work is to accompany parishes. We have different roles, but we are all one Church on the journey together.</i></p>
<p>12:55 p.m. 3 minutes</p>	<p>Conversation Guidelines</p>	<p><i>As we begin, we want to remind you of the synodal journey... Please review a couple of key points from the guidelines for our Conversations in the Holy Spirit...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Trust and learn from the silence.</i> 2. <i>Listen and be present, carefully offering your undivided attention.</i> 3. <i>Welcome many perspectives.</i> 4. <i>Fully engage with the listening process. Use your notebook to jot down ideas that will trigger the thought at the appointed time.</i> 5. <i>This is our time for deep listening, opening the way for the Holy Spirit.</i> 6. <i>Share your truth with kindness.</i> 7. <i>Stay on the topic and stay focused.</i> <p><i>(continued)</i></p>

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Continued	Visio Divina Contemplation	<p><i>Step 2: Gaze at the entire illumination. Notice the shapes, the colors and the lighting. Notice the detail of both the foreground and background. Once you have visually canvassed the illumination, note what draws your attention.</i></p> <p><i>Step 3: Meditate on the part of the illumination that has drawn your attention. How is God speaking to you? Allow these thoughts to descend to your heart. What emotion is evoked?</i></p> <p><i>Step 4: Now offer a prayer from that which has welled up in your heart.</i></p> <p><i>Step 5: Now, simply rest in the illumination. Rest in communion with our Creator. Let go of all thoughts and feelings. Simply be, and let the Holy Spirit be with you.</i></p>
1:07 p.m. 3 minutes	Diad Sharing	<p><i>We begin our first dialog with the Cry of the Earth or the Cry of the Poor. [Gesture to each table.] At each table you will form pairs or diads, turning to the person next to you. [Allow a moment for everyone to establish who their partner is.] The diads will take one minute to share what you have prepared for this Goal.</i></p> <p>MC concludes with statement about valuing what each person has to say and invites them to share throughout our conversations this day.</p>
1:10 p.m. 1 minute	Laudato Si' Passage: Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor	<p><i>We will now continue with the first two goals by listening to Pope Francis talk about the relationship between the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of Poor.</i></p> <p><i>Coordinator 1: Pope Francis writes: "The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet." The Holy Father points to the work of Catholic Conferences from around the world when he says, "Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest."</i></p> <p>[Pause.]</p>
1:11 p.m. 15 minutes	Synthesize Shared Ranked Trends	<p><i>You now have 15 minutes to share and record on large pads those trends you each identified and pull out the commonalities, circling up to seven items and then prioritizing them 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Be sure that everyone is heard. I will give you a 2 minute warning to wrap up. Select a spokesperson who will report out to the whole group. [MC sounds the bell at the two minute warning.]</i></p>

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<p>1:26 p.m. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Cry of the Earth Synthesis Summary</p>	<p>Cry of the Earth now shares their prioritized themes and asks for any clarifications.</p>
<p>1:28 p.m. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Cry of the Poor Synthesis Summary</p>	<p>Cry of the Poor now shares their prioritized themes and asks for any clarifications.</p>
<p>1:30 p.m. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Antiphonal Prayer to Care for our Common Home</p>	<p>Coordinator 2: <i>In this responsorial prayer from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, we pray to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to help us to evangelize the Gospel of Creation.</i> [Response instruction; begin prayer.]</p> <p><i>Group 1 responds: The Lord hears the Cry of the Earth. Group 2 follows: The Lord hears the Cry of the Poor.</i></p> <p><i>Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, You entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship — with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation.</i></p> <p><i>Group 1: The Lord hears the cry of the Earth.</i> <i>Group 2: The Lord hears the cry of the Poor.</i></p> <p><i>Christ our Lord, both divine and human, You lived among us and died for our sins, by recognizing that we are all interconnected — to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations.</i></p> <p><i>Group 1: The Lord hears the cry of the Earth.</i> <i>Group 2: The Lord hears the cry of the Poor.</i></p> <p><i>Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, You breathe life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all — individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders. Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty and the cry of the Earth so that we may together care for our common home.</i></p> <p><i>Group 1: The Lord hears the cry of the Earth.</i> <i>Group 2: The Lord hears the cry of the Poor.</i></p> <p><i>Amen.</i></p>

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1:32 p.m. 1 minute	Laudato Si' Passage: Ecological Economics	<p>We will now continue with the LSAP Goal, Ecological Economics. Remember your role is to represent the collective voices of those from the previous sessions as detailed in the document you were given in preparation for today.</p> <p>Coordinator 1: Pope Francis writes: “We need to reject a magical conception of the market, which would suggest that problems can be solved simply by an increase in the profits of companies or individuals. Is it realistic to hope that those who are obsessed with maximizing profits will stop to reflect on the environmental damage which they will leave behind for future generations? Where profits alone count, there can be no thinking about the rhythms of nature, its phases of decay and regeneration, or the complexity of ecosystems which may be gravely upset by human intervention.” —LS 190 [Pause.]</p>
1:33 p.m. 17 minutes	Synthesize Shared Ranked Trends	<p>You now have 17 minutes to share and record on large pads those trends you each identified and pull out the commonalities, circling up to seven items and then prioritizing them 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Be sure that everyone is heard. I will give you a 2 minute warning to wrap up. Select a spokesperson who will report out to the whole group. [MC sounds the bell at the two minute warning.]</p>
1:50 p.m. 4 minutes	Identify Common Themes	<p>For the next 4 minutes, both groups will search out the common themes on both pads. Using a different color marker, they will circle and again prioritize what has been listed.</p>
1:54 p.m. 1 minute	Laudato Si' Passage: Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles	<p>We will now continue with the LSAP Goal, Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles.</p> <p>Coordinator 2: “Authentic development includes efforts to bring about an integral improvement in the quality of human life, and this entails considering the setting in which people live their lives. These settings influence the way we think, feel and act. In our rooms, our homes, our workplaces and neighborhoods, we use our environment as a way of expressing our identity.” —LS 147 [Pause.]</p>
1:55 p.m. 17 minutes	Synthesize Shared Ranked Trends	<p>You again have 17 minutes to share and record on large pads those trends you each identified and pull out the commonalities, circling up to seven items and then prioritizing them 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Be sure that everyone is heard. I will give you a 2 minute warning to wrap up. Select a spokesperson who will report out to the whole group. [MC sounds the bell at the two minute warning.]</p>

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2:12 p.m. 4 minutes	Identify Common Themes	<i>For the next 4 minutes, both groups will search out the common themes on both pads. Using a different color marker, they will circle and again prioritize what has been listed.</i>
2:16 p.m. 3 minutes	Break	MC reminds delegates of the location of washrooms and provides instructions about where to gather for exit to the outdoor experience.
2:19 p.m. 18 minutes	Outdoor Experience	<p>MC leads all to garden area where a bush will be planted collectively. [MC provides further instruction.] With all gathered around, the MC begins the Archdiocesan <i>Laudato Si'</i> Garden Examen. All join in the Hail Mary. When finished all quietly return to the tables inside.</p> <p><i>LAUDATO SI' MI SIGNORE! PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD! How do I care for all of God's Creation? Hail Mary... How do I uphold the life and the dignity of each human person? Hail Mary... How do I support families and future generations? Hail Mary... How do I love the poor and vulnerable? Hail Mary... How do I advocate for human rights and a just economy? Hail Mary... How do I live in solidarity with all, as one human family? Hail Mary... How do I live my life knowing that everything is interconnected? Hail Mary... Listen to the Cry of the Earth. Hear the Cry of the Poor.</i></p>
2:37 p.m. 1 minute	<i>Laudato Si'</i> Passage Ecological Education	<p><i>We will now continue with the LSAP Goal, Ecological Education</i></p> <p>Coordinator 1: <i>"If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behavior. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature. Otherwise, the paradigm of consumerism will continue to advance, with the help of the media and the highly effective workings of the market." —LS 215</i></p>

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2:38 p.m. 17 minutes	Synthesize Shared Ranked Trends	<i>You again have 17 minutes to share and record on large pads those trends you each identified and pull out the commonalities, circling up to seven items and then prioritizing them 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Be sure that everyone is heard. I will give you a 2 minute warning to wrap up. Select a spokesperson who will report out to the whole group. [MC sounds the bell at the two minute warning.]</i>
2:55 p.m. 4 minutes	Identify Common Themes	<i>For the next 4 minutes, both groups will search out the common themes on both pads. Using a different color marker, they will circle and again prioritize what has been listed.</i>
2:59 p.m. 1 minute	Laudato Si' Passage Ecological Spirituality	<i>We now move on to the LSAP Goal, Ecological Spirituality. Coordinator 2: "The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures. In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created. Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity." —LS 270</i>
3 p.m. 17 minute	Synthesize Shared Ranked Trends	<i>You again have 17 minutes to share and record on large pads those trends you each identified and pull out the commonalities, circling up to seven items and then prioritizing them 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Be sure that everyone is heard. I will give you a 2 minute warning to wrap up. Select a spokesperson who will report out to the whole group. [MC sounds the bell at the two minute warning.]</i>
3:17 p.m. 4 minute	Identify Common Themes	<i>For the next 4 minutes, both groups will search out the common themes on both pads. Using a different color marker, they will circle and again prioritize what has been listed.</i>
3:21 p.m. 2 minute	Laudato Si' Passage Community Resilience and Empowerment	<i>We will now journey with the last LSAP Goal, Community Resilience and Empowerment. "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal." (continued)</i>

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Continued	Laudato Si' Passage Community Resilience and Empowerment	<i>“When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results. But if these issues are courageously faced, we are led inexorably to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn.” —LS 160</i>
3:23 p.m. 17 minutes	Synthesize Shared Ranked Trends	<i>You again have 17 minutes to share and record on large pads those trends you each identified and pull out the commonalities, circling up to seven items and then prioritizing them 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest). Be sure that everyone is heard. I will give you a 2 minute warning to wrap up. Select a spokesperson who will report out to the whole group. [MC sounds the bell at the two minute warning.]</i>
3:40 p.m. 4 minutes	Identify Common Themes	<i>For the next 4 minutes, both groups will search out the common themes on both pads. Using a different color marker, they will circle and again prioritize what has been listed.</i>
3:44 p.m. 3 minutes	Reiteration of Next Steps	<p>MC reminds delegates of the next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The LSAP Commission Coordinators will meet [date] to lay out the themes that emerged here today and place over them an overlay of the LSAP Suggested Actions by LSAP Goal. They will write a summary about our LSAP Synodal Journey.</i> 2. <i>The LSAP Commission Coordinators will then meet [date] with the Review Group comprised of one delegate from each Vicariate to review and refine the document. Note: the participants selected their respective delegates during the pre-synthesis orientation/preparation Zoom meeting.</i> 3. <i>The AOC Communications Department will format the LSAP Synodal Journey Synthesis and related materials.</i> 4. <i>On June 4, 2024, LSAP Coordinators will present to the full LSAP Commission the LSAP Synodal Journey Synthesis for their review.</i> <p>(Continued)</p>

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Continued	Reiteration of Next Steps	<p>5. After the LSAP Commission review, the LSAP Synodal Journey Road Map and related material will be shared with the Vatican, the archdiocesan Episcopal Council, pastors, other clergy, executives, directors, LSAP Synodal Journey participants, laity at large and the general public. The documents will be published on the AOC website.</p>
3:47 p.m. 13 minutes	Closing Ritual and Prayer	<p>MC directs all people back into the circle holding the rope from the opening of the session standing near the prayer table. MC gives instructions for the cutting of the rope.</p> <p><i>As a sign of our unity in Christ and in solidarity with each other, cutting this rope is a symbol to serve as a reminder of this unity we have shared along this journey to carry with you and bring back to your parish community.</i></p> <p>Rope is cut at each section and given to each participant along with their Living <i>Laudato Si'</i> necklace. Close with gratitude and the Christian Prayer in Union with Creation from the encyclical <i>Laudato Si'</i>. Pass the encyclical around the circle and have participants take turns reading a part from the prayer.</p>
4 p.m.	Adjournment	