

CRY OF THE EARTH CRY OF THE POOR

A CALL TO ACTION

"We are being called to a new way of thinking, feeling, understanding, and living." Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Social Justice Statement 2021-22.

1. Listen to First Peoples

Identify and implement ways you, your family, and your community will listen to the First Peoples.

"When it comes to human knowledge of the lands and waters now known as Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are our first teachers." Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

2. Reflect on Theological Foundations

Consider how *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* will shape your action to care for creation.

"This year we offer some theological foundations for a genuinely Christian response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; wonder and beauty... and the need for conversion and change of life." Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Introduction to Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

3. Use the Laudato Si' Action Platform

www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

Plan your next steps on the 7-year journey towards the Laudato Si' Goals.

"As we set out on our seven-year journey, we hope that Catholic families, schools, and organisations will join us." Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

THE LAUDATO SI' ACTION GOALS



1. **Response to the Cry of the Earth** calls us to equitably address climate change, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.



2. **Response to the Cry of the Poor** calls us to global solidarity, especially with marginalised or excluded groups, and to defend human life and all forms of life on earth.



3. **Ecological Economics** acknowledges that the economy relies on the biosphere - our common home - and it should serve people and respect creation.



4. **Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles** calls us to sobriety in our use of resources and energy, living with just enough, so we can ensure a good life for all.



5. **Ecological Spirituality** recovers a faith-based vision of creation, encouraging connection with nature in a spirit of wonder, praise, joy, happiness and gratitude.



6. **Ecological Education** calls us to re-think curricular and undertake institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and action.



7. **Community Engagement and Participatory Action** calls for inclusive and synodal decision making to care for creation at local, regional, national, and international levels.



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