

**Victory Noll Sisters Small Grants Program
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City	State	Name of Faith Community	(Arch)Diocese	Category	Project description	Grant Amount
Paradise Valley	AZ	Franciscan Renewal Center/Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church	Phoenix	Church and Retreat Center	Film Festival dedicated to the 7 Laudato Si goals.	\$1,000
Sacramento	CA	California Bishops Standing Committee on Environmental Stewardship	Sacramento	California Catholic Conference	Prayer cards and posters for students in the process of creating a curriculum within the religion class for 4th, 7th and 11th grades.	\$1,000
Belmont	CA	Notre Dame Elementary	San Francisco	Elementary School	Sending 6th and 7th graders to outdoor education program.	\$1,000
Grass Valley	CA	Common Spirit Health	Stockton	Health care system	Creating a hospital wellness garden.	\$1,000
San Francisco	CA	St. Anne of the Sunset	San Francisco	Parish, School (K-8)	The Parish introduced Laudato Si during Lent 2021 by developing a Carbon Fast Lenten calendar of daily reminders created by students AND 3 key service activities: planting a pollinator-friendly garden; neighborhood cleanup; Earth Day baking/beach cleanup.	\$1,000

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Oceanside	CA	St. Thomas More Oceanside	Los Angeles	Parish	Our Creation Care Team is building a community garden on a vacant lot next to (and donated by) our parish campus, and before the garden plots can be built we need to install irrigation for them and the fruit trees surrounding the garden space.	\$1,000
Porter Ranch	CA	Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet in Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Religious community	To purchase several TerraCycle boxes for Sisters and Associates in the Province.	\$1,000
Santa Monica	CA	St. Monica Catholic Community	Los Angeles	Parish	The St. Monica Green Team will host a one-day climate event for young people (middle & high school) of greater Los Angeles in order to inspire environmental action and educate on how to live a more sustainable life as called by Pope Francis in Laudato Si'	\$1,000

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Oakland	CA	Campus Ministries Dept Holy Names University	Oakland	School	Install bike rack and promote biking through sustainable transportation promotion project on campus and community.	\$1,000
Hartford	CT	Collaborative Center for Justice	Hartford	Catholic social justice advocacy organization primarily sponsored by six Congregations of Women Religious	We facilitate a two-part workshop for churches using excerpts from Laudato Si to discuss racial justice, ecology, and care for the vulnerable, and explore state and federal policy solutions.	\$1,000
Fairfield	CT	St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church	Hartford	Parish	The Parish has started in the past few months a vegetable garden.	\$1,000
West Hartford	CT	University of Saint Joseph	Hartford	School	The purpose of this project is to establish a Sensory Nature Trail through the woodland and grassland areas on campus; these areas are an ideal space for quiet reflection, as well as essential urban wildlife habitat.	\$1,000

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Washington	DC	Shrine of the Sacred Heart	Washington	Parish	Install and promote a drinking water refill station in the high use parishioners' area linked with promotion of its filtered water and elimination of single use plastic water bottles	\$1,000
Washington	DC	Washington Retreat House	Washington	Washington Retreat House	Promote the Retreat House as a LS Community; host Laudato Si Week of Study and Prayer Sessions once a month for seven months October 2021 to April 2022.	\$1,000
Washington	DC	Gonzaga College High School	Washington	School	Develop a landscaping activity where our student body would plant trees and pollinators on our campus.	\$700
Saint Augustine	FL	Cathedral Parish of St. Augustine - Laudato Si' Creation Care Ministry	Florida	Parish environmental stewardship ministry	Completion and delivery of an original eco-art curriculum for youth that weaves faith, ecology and creativity into hands-on art projects promoting environmental stewardship.	\$1,000

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Saint Augustine	FL	St Joseph Academy High School	Saint Augustine	High school	The bee club at St. Joseph Academy is striving to educate students about the importance of bees in the ecosystem by studying beehives on campus, which gives students hands-on experience with bees.	\$1,000
Hollywood	FL	Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory	Miami	School	To build a campus/urban garden and use the produce for our cafeteria. (Breakfast, lunch and snacks). We also hope to integrate the principles of Laudato Si with a true experience for our students.	\$1,000
Sunrise	FL	St. Bonaventure Catholic Church	Miami	Parish	Lift voices of underserved neighbors with data on environmental justice issues.	\$1,000
New Port Richey	FL	Our Lady Queen of Peace Church	St. Petersburg	Parish	Provide needed services as part of ecological justice work.	\$1,000

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Alpharetta	GA	St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church	Atlanta	Parish	Reclaiming two unused parcels on our parish property, one to grow vegetables and the other for fruit for distribution by our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.	\$1,000
Honolulu	HI	Saint Louis School	Honolulu	Catholic School	Palolo Stream Stewardship. Improve stream health and reduce sediment pollution.	\$1,000
Belleville	IL	Diocese of Belleville	Belleville	Diocese	Educate Catholics in our diocese on Laudato Si and help Catholics prayerfully and respectfully dialogue on implementation of the encyclical by conducting two JustFaith groups using the program, Sacred Air: Climate and Energy.	\$956
North Barrington	IL	St. Anne Catholic Community	Chicago	Parish	A 3-phase Laudato Si Garden Project: Vegetable Garden to raise produce for our Food Pantry; Native plant garden for school curricula; and pollinator garden.	\$1,000

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Herrin	IL	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional Catholic School	Belleville	Parish and School	This project is designed to increase classroom involvement in the recently developed Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Courtyard Garden by providing additional support to OLMC classroom teachers in terms of equipment, training and educational supplies.	\$970
Chicago	IL	St. James Catholic Parish	Chicago	Parish	Our Laudato Si project is to plan and install a labyrinth on parish land adjacent to the community farm; the seven-circuit labyrinth represents our connection to creation and healing our wounded world.	\$1,000
Chicago	IL	The Fireplace	Chicago	An intentional community/house of hospitality that offers spiritual refuge to artists, activist and those in need. (TheFireplaceCommunity.org) Our fiscal sponsors are the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse, WI.	We aim to reduce our food waste, preserve local produce and improve the way we witness a sustainable lifestyle while we host people in need and events related to spirituality and the arts.	\$1,000

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Homer Glen	IL	St Elizabeth Seton Creation Care Team	Chicago	Parish Creation Care Ministry	A Season of Creation celebration Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis and promoting a St. Francis Pledge event to get people to sign up to take monthly actions over the next year - using a rented live animal display to attract children and families.	\$600
Crest Hill	IL	Diocese of Joliet - Laudato Si' Ministries	Joliet	Diocese	We have many events and initiatives planned for the Season of Creation and would like to have an intern to help successfully carry out the activities. Traveling displays for Season of Creation and prayer service.	\$1,000
Columbus	IN	St. Bartholomew Catholic Church	Archdiocese	Parish and grade school	To establish a pollinator garden and Bee colony, which fulfills the combined goals of the School Outdoor Learning Lab and the Parish Creation Care Ministry.	\$1,000

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Noblesville	IN	St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School	Lafayette	High School	Adding an Organic Fruit Tree Orchard to St. Isidore Farm, our school vegetable farm	\$900
Indianapolis	IN	Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL)	Indianapolis	Parish	The OLL Creation Care Committee wants the food service in the parish center to transition from all disposable to all reusable plates, bowls, glasses, mugs, and utensils.	\$1,000
Indianapolis	IN	Archdiocese of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Ministry of the Archdiocese	The Archdiocese will be a source for free recycling bins for parishes.	\$1,000
Leavenworth	KS	Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation	KCK	JPIC Office for Religious Community	Project that would install Solar Panels on the local Interfaith homeless shelter.	\$1,000
Louisville	KY	Franciscan Conventual	Louisville	University	It is a free plant giving program based on Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home	\$700

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Louisville	KY	Passionist Earth & Spirit Center	Louisville	Nonprofit	We are seeking funding in support of our Camp Odyssey Garden, providing the opportunity for youth to immerse themselves in the care and tending of an organic food garden, as well as learning to transform the harvest into healthy, delicious meals.	\$1,000
Nazareth	KY	Sisters of Charity of Nazareth	Louisville	Religious community	We are applying for funds to pay for equipment to remove invasive exotic plants from the natural areas of our Motherhouse campus in Nazarus, Kentucky.	\$1,000
Marrero	LA	Academy of Our Lady	NewOrleans	School	Environmental science students will raise environmental awareness through student led projects including a poster competition and creating biodegradable pens.	\$500

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Chestnut Hill	MA	Boston College	Boston	School	Researching how principles of Laudato Si are being implemented and deployed.	\$1,000
Worcester	MA	Diocese of Worcester's Environmental Stewardship Ministry	Worcester	Diocesan Environmental Stewardship Ministry	The Environmental Stewardship Ministry works to inspire action within the parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Worcester to address the impact of environmental degradation on all humanity, now and in the future.	\$1,000
Annapolis	MD	Maryland Catholic Conference		Nonprofit	Advocacy and dialogue with church and political leaders on our call to care for creation and our vulnerable neighbors.	\$1,000
Readfield	ME	St. Michael Parish	Portland	Parish	Our project is a parish garden so that we can grow fresh fruits and vegetables to support and supplement what is given out at the local food pantries.	\$1,000

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Portland	ME	St. Joseph's College of Maine	Portland	College	The project is to create additional curriculum in a senior level Honors Capstone Experience course including materials for Earth day related event on campus.	\$1,000
Livonia	MI	Madonna University	Detroit	University	A service-learning project engaging undergraduate students across the university in planting native trees and plants on campus on Earth Day to celebrate Laudato Si' in action.	\$1,000
Livonia	MI	Madonna University	Detroit	University	A Laudato Si retreat to teach college students about the encyclical and then hopefully, practice it on campus.	\$1,000
Burnsville	MN	Church of the Risen Savior	Saint Paul	Parish	Our project is to plant a tree species that is native to Minnesota on our parish grounds.	\$1,000
Valley Park	MO	Sacred Heart Valley Park Parish	Saint Louis	Parish	Install a water refill station.	\$1,000

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Saint Louis	MO	Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community Garden	Saint Louis	Parish	We are an urban community garden in the City of St. Louis dedicated to providing organic produce twice each week to our neighborhood food pantry.	\$1,000
Saint Louis	MO	Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet	Saint Louis	Religious congregation	As part of our Laudato Si Action Plan we will create a monthly eco-challenge which we want to share with a broader Catholic audience.	\$1,000
Saint Louis	MO	St. Ann Catholic Church	Saint Louis	Parish/school	We want to create a group of adults in our parish, committed to the ideas in Laudato Si, who will put forth and implement plans for justice and sustainability in our parish and surrounding community; a center of reflection in the service of action.	\$1,000

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Saint Charles	MO	St. Joachim and Ann Parish	Saint Louis	Parish School of Religion	The Parish School of Religion will work with St. Joachim and Ann Care Service to expand the efforts of the Care Service Garden for the year 2022.	\$1,000
Webster Grove	MO	Holy Redeemer Catholic School	Saint Louis	School	Our school of 270 students from PS through 8th grade has been making efforts since 2013 to be care takers of Creation. We have a student club, called the Green Machines, who help our community respect the Earth and all of God's blessings. Purchase compostable clam shells for our lunch program.	\$1,000
Saint Charles	MO	St. Cletus Parish	Saint Louis	Parish	We will replace the halogen, incandescent, and fluorescent lights in the church will be changed to new LED lights.	\$1,000
Hayesville	NC	Associates of the Congregation of Notre Dame at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish		Lay associate group	Our plan is to establish a community vegetable garden on church property	\$1,000

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Durham	NC	Immaculata Catholic School	Raleigh	School	Develop materials for and execute a Laudato Si Jeopardy-style competition for our Middle School students.	\$1,000
Lincoln	NE	Cathedral of the Risen Christ School	Lincoln	Parish School	Celebrate Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si by working with a local arborist to creating an urban tree canopy management plan to protect the shade trees on the campus.	\$1,000
Montclair	NJ	Investor Advocates for Social Justice	Newark	Nonprofit	Our shareholder advocacy campaign, Climate + Dignity, represents Catholic institutional investors to target large public companies with disparate impacts on our planet and communities.	\$1,000
Paterson	NJ	Straight and Narrow	Paterson	Nonprofit	In coordination with Rutgers University (New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station), construct, maintain and utilize a sustainable urban garden.	\$1,000

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Hopewell Junction	NY	St. Denis-St. Columba School	New York	School	Project Nourish, an organic garden that nourishes the bodies, minds and souls and spirits of students and the community, and we use the garden for science lessons. The funds will buy materials for the garden.	\$1,000
Elmira	NY	Notre Dame High School	Rochester	Catholic School	Purchase and construct raised garden beds with climate crusader club. This educational service project seeks to strengthen ties between our school and the local community through the creation of a community garden and institution of an annual youth Earth Day event.	\$950

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Binghamton	NY	St. Francis of Assisi	Syracuse	Parish	St. Francis of Assisi's newly formed Creation Care Committee has developed a service project relating to the Laudato Si Action Platform which will include advocacy for ecojustice and upgrades to our community garden.	\$1,000
Bronx	NY	Manhattan College	New York	School/College	Help the school transition to an urban campus that fully recycles and promote sustainable lifestyles at STEM and art campus events.	\$940
Jamaica	NY	U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph	Brooklyn	Religious community	We anticipate two virtual events (one during Earth month and one during Season of Creation) that will focus on the CSSJ charism and ecological conversion.	\$1,000
Hartsdale	NY	Sacred Heart School	New York	School	We would like to beautify our school garden facing Central Park Avenue, a major thoroughfare that is travelled by thousands a day.	\$1,000

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New York	NY	Build a Better Planet	New York	Nonprofit	Our focus is on education on sustainability, environmental issues, and, more recently, environmental justice (looking at the effects of pollution/climate change on lower income communities) through independent media productions.	\$1,000
Chardon	OH	Sisters of Notre Dame of the U.S.	Cleveland	Religious community	Raise awareness composting can regenerate the soil and help heal our climate, working through community gardens.	\$1,000
Cincinnati	OH	Xavier University Sustainability Committee	Cincinnati	University	Xavier University will hold up to five co-curricular sustainability education programs for students, staff, faculty, and Bellarmine parishioners that highlight local efforts at building a more resilient and ecologically sound region.	\$1,000

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Youngstown	OH	St. Angela Merici Parish	Youngstown	Parish	Our community would like to continue to grow in the spirit of Laudato Si by studying the document as a parish community and continuing our stewardship of a city park in our parish backyard that was previously abandoned.	\$1,000
Cuyahoga Falls	OH	Church of St. Eugene	Cleveland	Parish	To continue the growth of our St. Francis of Assisi Peace Garden.	\$1,000
University Heights	OH	Church of the Gesu	Cleveland	Parish	Care for Our Common Home Programming for Gesu Parish.	\$950.00
Cincinnati	OH	Franciscan Sisters of the Poor	Cincinnati	Religious Community	Building a Greenhouse on our campus grounds.	\$1,000
Cincinnati	OH	Bellarmino Chapel	Cincinnati	Parish	Fresh is Better: Evanston Garden Project promotes a healthy Evanston community through the growing of good food and friendships, revitalizing community gardens and building residential beds for food insecure members of our community.	\$1,000

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Cincinnati	OH	McAuley Retirement Convent	Cincinnati	Religious Community	We propose to transform McAuley Convent's already beautiful grounds into a sanctuary for bees, butterflies and other pollinators necessary for the growth and health of plants in our community.	\$725.00
Cincinnati	OH	Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati/EarthConnection	Cincinnati	Religious Community	To provide workshops for teachers on environmental sustainability across the curriculum	\$1,000
Cincinnati	OH	Mercy Montessori School	Cincinnati	School	We have created an 'Ecolab' space outside in which all of our PK3 - 3rd grade students play and explore.	\$1,000
Norman	OK	St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Peace and Justice Group	Oklahoma City	Parish ministry	Support of the Laudato Si Goals: Internship, Parish Contest/Promotional Activity, and native plants for parish garden bed.	\$1,000

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Ashland	OR	Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church	Portland	Parish	Seed money for matching funds to complete the installation of our Parish's solar panels, a project that was interrupted by construction issues, COVID shut downs, and the Almeda Fire Disaster of 2020.	\$1,000
Portland	OR	St Charles Borromeo Church	Portland	Parish/school	Start a recycling program for the parish, school and local community - providing bins and receptacles for items not collected curbside.	\$1,000
Salem	OR	Blanchet Catholic School	Portland	School	We would like to add greenspace to our parking lot by removing sections of concrete unnecessary for parking and replacing those sections with trees, soil, and plants.	\$1,000

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Scranton	PA	Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Scranton	Religious Congregation	Land Restoration Project: recent transformation and ongoing creation and care of native habitat of flora and fauna and storm water management on Mother House Property. We need resources for materials for programs.	\$1,000
Doylestown	PA	EcoPhilly	Philadelphia	Initiative by the Archdiocese	Prepare a mailing to all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Earth Day.	\$1,000
Aston	PA	Neumann University	Philadelphia	School	The Neumann University Knights, Pantry and Sustainability Council would like to co-host a dynamic informational event to bring awareness to food insecurity, food waste, and ways our students can rescue and redistribute food, and make a positive impact.	\$500.00

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Philadelphia	PA	Old Saint Joseph's Catholic Church	Philadelphia	Parish	Old St. Joseph's Church, in collaboration with the Archdiocese's Laudato Si Action Platform network, will seek to offset carbon emissions from electricity consumption in parish buildings and lower the carbon footprints of families in the parish	\$1,000
Moon Township	PA	Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs	Pittsburgh	Nonprofit	Our project is the creation of a Peace Site on the community center grounds. We will install blooms that are pollinator favorites.	\$850.00
Meadowbrook	PA	Sisters of the Redeemer	Philadelphia	Religious community	Celebrating and showing gratitude for the beauty and gift of God's Creation This will include planting trees and instilling outdoor benches.	\$1,000

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Baden	PA	Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden	Pittsburgh	Religious community	We plan to hold an Earth Day Celebration in 2022, an event that will engage our Sisters, staff and neighbors in activities that will integrate multiple goals of Laudato Si (Cry of the Poor, Earth, Eco. Spirituality, Comm. Engagement, Eco Ed)	\$1,000
Corpus Christi	TX	Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity	Corpus Christi	Religious community	As part of our larger Motherhouse building project, this grant would provide funds to plant sustainable landscaping in an area where there are no trees or landscaping.	\$1,000
San Antonio	TX	St. Mary's University Community Garden	San Antonio	University	The St. Mary's Community Garden grows fruits and vegetables for the Food Bank as well as being a place for both the St. Mary's and local community. We will plant more fruits and vegetables to distribute nourishment and spruce up the garden.	\$1,000

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Austin	TX	Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward's University	Austin	University	A monthly webinar series which provides education, formation and inspiration for Holy Cross educators, administrators and Board members with a focus on global economic justice, ecological sustainability, the rights of marginalized peoples, and peacemaking	\$1,000
Austin	TX	St. Theresa Catholic School	Austin	School	We would like to start a butterfly garden on campus.	\$1,000
Virginia Beach	VA	Catholic High School	Richmond	School	The CHS Environmental Club would like to 'rewild' an area of our school property to restore sustainable biodiversity.	\$1,000
Roanoke	VA	RAISE (Roanoke Area Interfaith Stewards of the Earth)	Richmond	Interfaith environmental advocates	A local artwork print will be promoted with a simple poster and social media campaign to raise awareness of Laudato Si'.	\$1,000

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Petersburg	VA	Saint Joseph Catholic School	Richmond	School	Create a nature restoration garden of native plants, trees, and flowers that allows for a healthy population of bumble bees and other native insects to be pollinators for natural habitats in Virginia.	\$1,000
Benson	VT	Mercy Ecology	Burlington	Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy	Summer volunteer experience for young adults at Mercy Ecospirituality Center (formerly Mercy Farm), in collaboration with Mercy Volunteer Corps.	\$900
Seattle	WA	Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center	Seattle	Catholic justice organization	The Care for Creation Network is a collection of parishes and faith-based organizations in the state of Washington committed to igniting awareness into action for the renewal and protection of all Creation. We will create a webpage to help spread the message.	\$1,000

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Covington	WA	St. John the Baptist	Seattle	Parish	We are building a pollinator garden next to our produce garden on parish grounds.	\$700
Milwaukee	WI	Riverwest Food Pantry	Milwaukee	Nonprofit	We will print and distribute educational materials for the pantry. Riverwest Food Pantry hosts seasonal farm to fork events on our 27,000 square foot organic hoop house farm to bring people together around food and educate our shoppers about the source of and sustainability of the healthy produce we serve.	\$1,000
Hudson	WI	St. Bridget Catholic Community	LaCrosse	Parish	The Green Team will promote discussion of God's creation during Advent and Lent by engaging children & adults in reading Gayle Boss' books, 'All Creation Waits: An Advent Mystery of New Beginnings and Wild Hope.'	\$975.00

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Neosho	WI	Laudato Si' Project/Catholic Ecology Center	Milwaukee	Nonprofit	The Care for Creation program series will aim to introduce families to the concepts and ethic of Laudato Si, while giving them concrete experiences in creation and how to steward it.	\$750
Milwaukee	WI	Sisters of the Divine Savior	Milwaukee	Religious community	Backyard Pollinator Sanctuaries attract essential pollinators by creating a native wildflower garden at your home, parish, convent, school, or local institutions. We will make 30 backyard pollinator sanctuary kits to distribute to parishes.	\$1,000
Shepherds- town	WV	St. Agnes Catholic Church	Wheeling/ Charleston	Parish	We have created four garden beds on our parish grounds which our youth are planting to supply food for the needy in our community and will expand our project.	\$550.00
					TOTAL	\$97,116