

**July 2022 Victory Noll Sisters creation care Grant Winners**  
*Awarded by Catholic Climate Covenant*

Name of Faith Community	City	State	(Arch)Diocese	Category	Project
St Peters Catholic Church Fallbrook, CA	Fallbrook	CA	San Diego	Parish	We will teach students in middle school how to compost their organic materials to divert landfill waste and alleviate methane production.
St. Frances X. Cabrini Catholic School	Los Angeles	CA	Archdiocese of Los Angeles	Parochial school or high school	Our school offers a community garden program, "The Cabrini Garden," that teaches all TK - 8th grade students about sustainability and ecology by showing them how to grow, harvest and cook their own produce.

The Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community	Redlands	CA	San Bernardino	Parish	Seed money for Creation Care fundraiser (two products -- organic cloth produce bags and refillable water bottles, with parish/Creation Care & God's Plan(et) logos)
Benincasa Community	Guilford	CT	Hartford	Other Catholic institution	Our innovative joint program with farm workers ensures that a new wave of Catholic students involved in the green movement – which often touts local and organic food – includes a commitment to labor justice and immigrant justice.
Franciscan Mission Service	Washington	DC	Washington	Other Catholic institution	FMS will use these funds to sponsor a short-term mission with one of the Franciscan colleges with whom we partner, specifically focusing the service and education activities on environmental justice.

Shrine of the Sacred Heart D.C.	Washington	DC	Archdiocese of Washington DC	parish	Our project aims to educate and promote action by our Catholic youth group, Cristo Joven, at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart to address waste as part of care for our common home.
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church	Land O Lakes	FL	Diocese of St. Petersburg	Parish	We would like to build a community garden on our property to provide provisions for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on site and to have a space for teens to volunteer and learn more about sustainability issues such as food deserts.
St. Peter Claver Catholic School	Dade City	FL	Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg	Parochial school or high school	The 'Land Art/Earth Work Program' would be a subset of the Visual Arts Program that prioritizes using the natural environment as a starting point-- thus creating art with sustainable materials that exists in harmony with our environments.

Sisters of St. Francis Dubuque, Iowa	Dubuque	IA	Archdiocese of Dubuque Iowa	Religious community	Host an educational and festive celebration during Season of Creation to honor Mother Earth and acknowledge the Native nations that inhabited our land.
St. Patrick Catholic Church	Iowa City	IA	Davenport	Parish	As our parish works on our LSAP commitment, we want to inspire and equip parish families to make their own commitments, through educational materials and events, plantings, and supplies intended to reduce carbon footprints at the household level.
St. Ambrose University	Davenport	IA	Davenport, Iowa	University/college	Through Campus Ministry, I plan spring break service trips and local service opportunities for college students.

Margaret Babbitt	Davenport	IA	Davenport (IA)	University/college	To reduce single use plastic bottle waste on campus, promote sustainable lifestyles, and raise awareness of Laudato Si' and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals, we endeavor to provide students with a free reusable water bottle.
St. Theresa Parish	Palatine	IL	Chicago	Parish	To design and install a Laudato Si' grotto on the St. Theresa Parish campus.
Diocese of Joliet	Crest Hill	IL	Joliet	(Arch)Diocese	We want to buy material for a traveling narthex display to teach parishioners about Laudato Si' and sustainable lifestyles.

St James Parish, Arlington Heights, IL	Arlington Heights	IL	Chicago	Parish	The project is to increase awareness of Care for Creation in our parish by renewing and expanding a small pollinator garden and to follow up with education on sustainable living during the seasons of creation in September
St. Gertrude parish/Northside Catholic Academy	Chicago	IL	Archdiocese of Chicago	Parish	Teaching the youth of the parish and parishioners to be good caretakers of the land and in so doing they become vital cogs in the cycle of life by nourishing the soil through composting, growing vegetables and herbs and feeding the less fortunate.

SMART Kids (St. Mark's Against Random Trash)	West Peoria	IL	Diocese of Peoria	Parochial school or high school	SMART Kids is an after-school club at St. Mark's School in which students clean up litter in the surrounding neighborhood weekly and learn about Catholic teaching of care for creation.
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School	Chicago	IL	Chicago	Parochial school or high school	Cristo Rey's school garden and recycling and composting program provide Hispanic youth opportunities to become active caretakers of our common home.
The Fireplace Community	Chicago	IL	Chicago	Other Catholic institution	We commit ourselves to shopping locally for food and produce so as to reduce our food waste and carbon footprint and provide meals and hospitality to people in need and at events related to arts and spirituality.
Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand,In	Ferdinand	IN	Evansville	Religious community	We are planning/proposing a Green Mass for each diocese in Indiana

Association of US Catholic Priests	Notre Dame	IN	Incorporated in Archdiocese of Chicago.	Other Catholic institution	Greening the Pulpit would be a program educating US priests on ways to preach on the climate crisis and ways to integrate climate crisis issues into all preaching.
Seton Harvest	Evansville	IN	Catholic Diocese of Evansville, Indiana	Other Catholic institution	The purpose of this project is to create a self-guided "Our Common Home Trail" on the farm with interpretive signs about sustainable agriculture and the surrounding ecosystem with benches to encourage relaxation and contemplation in nature.

Dominican Sisters of Peace	Pawnee Rock	KS	Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, KS	Religious community	The Heartland Farm Laudato Si Interpretive Signage Project will install interpretive signage about Laudato Si and about Care of the Earth, including signs that specifically explore and explain the Encyclical and its goals and signs that discuss related top
Nativity Parish School	Leawood	KS	Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas	Parochial school or high school	Implementation of a food waste composting program.
Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center /Newman Community	Westfield	MA	Springfield Massachusetts	University/college	We are creating a meditation and prayer garden with boxes to grow produce for our campus food pantry that serves our university students, staff, and faculty that are experiencing hunger and the inability to make ends meet.

Paulist Center Boston's Creation Care Ministry	Arlington	MA	Boston	Other Catholic institution	Expand participation in our Creation Care Ministry's interfaith collaboration with local Christian churches and our educational offerings on Creation Care at the Center.
St. Matthias Church	Bladensburg	MD	Washington DC	Parish	Vincentian Friends will collaborate with the Latinas Club of Elizabeth Seton High School in care of earth activities such as engaging in educational programs by the Anacostia Watershed (AWS) staff
DeMatha Catholic High School	Hyattsville	MD	Washington DC	Parochial school or high school	We would like to start a brief education and action series focused on environmental justice, particularly highlighting the issue of environmental racism that faces our local community.
Caroline Center	Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	Other Catholic institution	Create a small urban garden on our property.

<p>Franciscan Friars Conventual - Our Lady of the Angels (Little Portion Farm)</p>	<p>Ellicott City</p>	<p>MD</p>	<p>Baltimore</p>	<p>Religious community</p>	<p>Plant fruit trees, shrubs, and other perennials to create a small food forest in a half-acre section of our farm (Little Portion Farm), whose produce is all donated to the food insecure in Baltimore. Plants will be planted by local volunteers and youth.</p>
<p>Saint Joseph's College of Maine</p>	<p>Standish</p>	<p>ME</p>	<p>Portland</p>	<p>University/college</p>	<p>I am chair of our new major, Leadership for Sustainable Communities, which emphasizes the UN's SDGs and the Srs. of Mercy's Critical Concerns throughout the curriculum; I would like to develop two required courses to connect and center Laudato si' goals.</p>

Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon	Winslow	ME	Portland	Religious community	In partnership with local groups, we seek to expand accessibility for children, the aged, and those with limited mobility to a new land share program focused on community building and healing our common home, while integrating mindfulness and spirituality.
St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Grace Parish	Muskegon	MI	Diocese of Grand Rapids	Parish	Convert monoculture lawns at the Our Lady of Grace Church and on vacant lots in the surrounding neighborhoods to native landscapes while educating our parish about the value of native plants.

<p>This project is a collaboration between four urban parishes. The parishes are: St. Augustine St. Monica, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Elizabeth, and Nativity of Our Lord.</p>	<p>Detroit</p>	<p>MI</p>	<p>Archdiocese of Detroit</p>	<p>Parish</p>	<p>This project is designed to provide four parishes with viable options for Green Stormwater Infrastructures (GSI) to prevent storm water from entering the City of Detroit sewer system.</p>
<p>St Irenaeus Catholic Church</p>	<p>Rochester Hills</p>	<p>MI</p>	<p>Detroit</p>	<p>Parish</p>	<p>Our youth group will volunteer their time to a local mostly African-American, self-sustaining community neighborhood group called Micah 6, as well as serve the elderly, disabled and poor in our parish during our annual service project.</p>
<p>Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish</p>	<p>Ferguson</p>	<p>MO</p>	<p>Archdiocese of St Louis</p>	<p>Parish</p>	<p>We will engage 40 teenagers in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, a parish mostly comprised of people of Hispanic origin who are recent immigrants to the US, to learn about Laudato Si and then to speak about it at parish masses.</p>

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish	Saint Louis	MO	Saint Louis	Parish	New Community Vegetable Garden
Holy Cross College	Winfield	MO	Fort Wayne-South Bend	University/college	A cohort of students, including myself, have developed an on-campus organization named the Common Home Group in which we work to change the culture across our college to fit with the ideals supported throughout Laudato Si'.
Resurrection University Catholic Parish	Bozeman	MT	Helena	Other Catholic institution	Expanding the church's community garden to build connections between food and faith, as well as donate organic produce to a community food bank
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church	Tarboro	NC	Raleigh	(Arch)Diocese	Raise the awareness in our Hispanic community with emphasis to the Hispanic youth about responsibility to care for creation.

<p>Laudato Si' Circle: a Creation Care Team for St. Patrick's Parish, Pelham, NH</p>	<p>Pelham</p>	<p>NH</p>	<p>Diocese of Manchester, NH</p>	<p>Parish</p>	<p>This project is designed to educate/engage parishioners in the message of Laudato Si', refocusing our actions on behalf of the Earth, and to expand our spiritual relationships with God, neighbor, and Creation.</p>
<p>Susan M Leyden</p>	<p>Westwood</p>	<p>NJ</p>	<p>Newark</p>	<p>Parish</p>	<p>Food Pantry provides food for 90-100 families a week/New Jersey ban on plastic bags effective May 4. Plan to use and rotate reusable grocery tote bags (made of recycled water bottles) printed with Youth Ministry Art Work.</p>
<p>Our Lady of the Valley Church, Health and Wellness Ministry (Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth)</p>	<p>West Orange</p>	<p>NJ</p>	<p>Newark</p>	<p>Parish</p>	<p>Project Each One, Reach One (EORO) will educate and promote awareness of the importance of God's creation and the environment.</p>

Lacordaire Academy	Montclair	NJ	The Archdiocese of Newark	Parochial school or high school	Lacordaire Academy is seeking support to build a school vegetable and pollinator garden and hoop house to serve as an educational tool and volunteer opportunity for our K-12 students and their families.
St. John the XXIII	Albuquerque	NM	Santa Fe	Parish	We will plant fruit trees to assist with our low-income household food pantry and also work to plant food trees with an immigrant community at a low income based church that is part of the Interfaith Forest of Bliss tree planting project.
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany - Office of Youth/Young Adult ministry	Albany	NY	Albany	(Arch)Diocese	Service Action Learning Team (S.A.L.T.), an opportunity for H/S age young people to engage in community service opportunities by serving our local communities.

All Saints Church	Manlius	NY	Syracuse	Parish	Our Caring for Our Common Home & Youth Group proposes to create the first demonstration garden in the Syracuse diocese to educate our diocese and local youth, teach the value of native species, biodiversity, sustainability, and the concepts of Laudato Si'.
Phylis L Peters	Utica	NY	Syracuse	Religious community	Develop a seedling program with development of natural growth of earth worms and then explain to refugees so they too could start a program like this which will save money

Soledad Haren	New York	NY	NY	Other Catholic institution	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.
Response to Love Center	Buffalo	NY	Buffalo	Religious community	Living the Spirit of Saint Francis, Ecological Education, Awareness and Action
Franciscan Earth Literacy Center	Tiffin	OH	Toledo	Other Catholic institution	FELC's Seeds of Hope Program trains K-12 & young adult persons living with disabilities to operate a sustainable organic community garden and greenhouse for low-income

Franciscan Ministries, Inc	Cincinnati	OH	Cincinnati	Religious community	Our Community Garden offers space and resources to local and refugee gardeners to be able to plant and harvest produce to feed their families and neighbors
Saint Mary Magdalene School and Saint Mary Magdalene Before and After School Enrichment	Columbus	OH	Columbus	Parochial school or high school	The Saint Mary Magdalene School Garden, which will help students learn about caring for our Common Home, nourish our bodies and curb food insecurity in our community, and help us to grow spiritually.
St. Eugene Church	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	CLE	Parish	To continue the growth of our St. Francis of Assisi Peace Garden.

Bellarmino Chapel	Cincinnati	OH	Archdiocese of Cincinnati	Parish	Our Embracing Creation series explores the spirituality of Laudato Si, nurturing an ecological conversion within participants from the five Jesuit works in Cincinnati through diverse opportunities for prayer, education, dialogue, and immersions in creation
St. Boniface Catholic School	Oak Harbor	OH	Diocese of Toledo	Parochial school or high school	Our program is creation care in practice via education, community outreach and dialogue utilizing a Catholic voice.
Holy Spirit Catholic Community	Toledo	OH	in the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio but not part of the diocesan structure	Parish	Tree Toledo ministry of Holy Spirit Catholic Community purchases tree seedlings and gives them away. We've given away or facilitated the planting of 196,065 seedlings to mitigate climate change.

St. Peter Catholic Church, Huron Ohio, Creation Care Team	Huron	OH	Toledo, OH	Parish	To fund a program for the Feast of St. Francis, Fall of 2022, for parents and children to help them connect their faith to the principles of Laudato Si' and to fund the continued use of compostables at our parish.
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Somerset	OH	Columbus	Parochial school or high school	Utilizing state curriculum standards as well as Laudato si, our middle school students will plant, care and harvest over 1,000 pounds of potatoes that will be donated to the local Appalachian food pantry to serve the local poor with fresh food.
St. Patrick Parish	Cleveland	OH	Cleveland	Parish	St. Patrick Church on Bridge Ave. will create a St. Kateri Habitat on its campus by planting a pollinator garden and native plants in a space for prayerful reflection.

Magnificat High School	Rocky River	OH	Catholic Diocese of Cleveland	Parochial school or high school	Magnificat High School's Seeds of Service Horticulture Club is requesting funding to create a pollinator garden to teach students to research, plan and plant native, honeybee, and other pollinator-friendly species to support our new beehive and colony.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church (lead parish on behalf of the NE Vicariate Care for Creation Steering Committee)	Portland	OR	Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon	Parish	Development and sponsorship of a Fall 2022 Environmental Enrichment Speakers Series.
School Sisters of St. Francis	Bethlehem	PA	Allentown	Religious community	Riparian Buffer Project: The School Sisters of St. Francis plan to install a riparian buffer along part of the Monocacy Creek that flows through their property.

Sisters, Servants of IHM - Scranton, PA	Scranton	PA	Scranton	Religious community	Turn a friendship garden into a model environmental teaching classroom w/addition of solar/wind power/home size units.
St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity, Secular Franciscan Fraternity, Bl. Solanus Casey Region	Rumford	RI	Hartford	Religious community	The OFS follows the Life to Gospel, Gospel to Life, in the footsteps of St. Francis, focusing on JPIC, Justice, Peace, Integrity and Creation within ourselves, church, community and world.
Mount Marty University	Yankton	SD	Sioux Falls	University/college	Our goal is to help the Native American and local people in our area learn how to grow sustainable food source for their communities by growing plant starters and providing educational materials to those individuals.

St. Bernard Academy	Nashville	TN	Nashville	Parochial school or high school	My project is a student-led group called 'Earth Club' which will provide students an extra-curricular opportunity to grow in knowledge and understanding of caring for our common home.
Catholic Response to Climate Change, Knoxville	Knoxville	TN	Knoxville	Other Catholic institution	Catholic Response to Climate Change is a group of Catholic parishioners in East Tennessee responding to a deeper understanding of the sacredness of all creation and the call to embrace an integral ecology with all inhabitants of Earth.

Raider Catholic	Lubbock	TX	Lubbock	Other Catholic institution	Our students expressed a desire to reduce wastefulness to be better stewards of our environment through recycling, educational resources about creation care, participating in environment-based service projects, and utilizing sustainable materials.
St. John Bosco School	San Antonio	TX	San Antonio	Other Catholic institution	To bring a sign of the beauty of creation to an area depleted of nature's gift our project will significantly improve 'curb' ecology to our school using indigenous plants, trees, and heat tolerant covering.

University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	TX	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio	University/college	I plan to improve the community gardens and composting site at my institution, with the aim of creating opportunities for garden-based learning and for community service by volunteers from around the local community
Ignatian Spirituality Center	Seattle	WA	Seattle	Other Catholic institution	A care for creation retreat for ISC staff, board and program council at the Duwamish Longhouse, incorporating an educational component to learn about the Duwamish tribe's commitment to environmental justice.
Saint Martin's University	Lacey	WA	Seattle	University/college	Our Common Home Farms is a community farming project that strives to address food justice issues and model environmental stewardship in our local community.

Dominican Sisters at Racine, Wisconsin	Racine	WI	Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Religious community	To use the reduction of plastic usage as a means of increasing our understanding of the influence of techno-economic paradigm on our ability to move towards an integral ecological spirituality.
St. Bernard Catholic Church	Middleton	WI	Madison, WI	Parish	Establish community garden on parish grounds to involve religious education students in Creation Care and serving the poor.
St. John XXIII Catholic School	Port Washington	WI	Milwaukee	Parochial school or high school	The Love Grows Project is an initiative to integrate a greenhouse and other ecological practices as part of our ecology, environmental, outdoor education curriculums and service learning.

Charleston Catholic High School	Charleston	WV	Diocese of Wheeling Charleston	Parochial school or high school	My project is to educate my school community about Laudato Si and to implement a recycling program for my school in order to reduce the environmental impact our school has on the world.
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