

Victory Noll Sisters Small Grants Program – 2024 Edition

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The Victory Noll Sisters Small Grants Program for 2024 is made possible through the generosity of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters (Victory Noll Sisters).

Catholic Climate Covenant is blessed to offer a third cycle of small grants to Catholic groups for creation care. The 2024 Victory Noll Sisters Small Grants Program will offer \$100,000 in small grants that will a) support projects, programs, and events across U.S. Catholic communities that advance the spirit of *Laudato Si'* and b) promote diocesan, parish, and religious order *Laudato Si'* and creation care activity.

Small grants for 2024 up to a maximum of \$1,000 will be available for U.S. Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses, and other U.S. Catholic organizations that apply.

The application period opens March 19, 2024, and the priority deadline to apply is May 1, 2024. Grant decisions are expected to be made by Laudato Si' Week in late May. (If funding remains thereafter, grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until the funds are exhausted.)

The 2024 Victory Noll Sisters Small Grants program will prioritize grant applications that:

- Make a connection to one (or more) of the [seven goals of the Laudato Si' Action Platform](#).
- Boost the ability of Catholic organizations and institutions to engage and participate in the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#).

Priority will also be given to projects, programs, and events that:

- Are led by Catholic youth, young adults or are multi-generational, which includes significant leadership from young people
- Lift the Catholic voice on creation care issues, especially the voices of Catholic youth and young adults

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Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Rural Life

Catholic Health Association
of the United States

Caritas North America

Franciscan Action Network

Holy Name Province, OFM

Ignatian Solidarity Network

Leadership Conference of
Women Religious

Laudato Si' Movement

Maryknoll OGC

National Catholic Education
Association

National Council of Catholic
Women

Sisters of Mercy of the
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- Focus on classroom instruction, curriculum, or projects related to creation care
- Lift environmental justice issues (e.g., projects/programs that partner with frontline communities and impacted communities, and that center leadership in impacted communities of color)
- Promote advocacy and dialogue with Church and political leaders on the call to care for creation and our vulnerable neighbors
- Support events (educational events, rallies, fairs, festivals) that connect to Season of Creation, Feast of St. Francis, and/or Earth Day
- Promote prayer services and liturgies related to creation care
- Help promote understanding, bridge-building, and healing related to creation care through retreats, workshops, or other gatherings
- Promote service projects (tree plantings, cleanups, community gardens, etc.). These projects **must** have an educational and/or advocacy component
- Reduce carbon emissions and promote institutional sustainability and sustainable lifestyles

NOTE: You may wish to consider seeking matching funds from other groups/organizations in your community if your project's cost exceeds the \$1,000 limit.

* This list is not exhaustive but is a good guide as to the types of projects/programs we seek to fund.