

Encounter GA Advocacy Workshop: Facilitator Lesson Plan

****Workshop Title:**** Advocacy for Our Common Home

****Duration:**** 90 minutes

****Audience:**** Parishioners and community members

****Facilitator Role:**** Guide participants through reflection and dialogue on Catholic advocacy for care for creation using the See–Judge–Act model.

Workshop Objectives

- Understand the theological and scriptural foundations of care for creation.
- Learn the origins and application of the See–Judge–Act model.
- Reflect on environmental justice at the parish and state level.
- Identify practical next steps for parish-level and policy advocacy.

Lesson Plan Outline

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer (5 min)

Open with the adapted Laudato Si' prayer (see slides). Set intention for the session.

2. Who We Are: Encounter GA (5 min)

Brief overview of Encounter GA's mission and connection to the Catholic Climate Covenant.

3. Why Advocacy? Why Now? (10 min)

Present scriptural foundation (Genesis 1:28) and explain the concept of dominion as stewardship. Emphasize urgency of the ecological crisis.

4. Catholic Social Teaching and Creation Care (10 min)

Introduce key CST themes: Integral Ecology, Ecological Conversion, The Common Good, and Global Solidarity.

5. Group Discussion: Personal Concerns (10 min)

Prompt: What care for creation issues matter to you? What pains or concerns do you see?

6. The See–Judge–Act Framework (5 min)

Introduce the model's origin and relevance. Reference Fr. Joseph Cardijn and *Mater et Magistra*.

7. See: What Are We Noticing? (10 min)

Present examples from parish and policy settings. Facilitate small group breakout.

Questions:

- What signs of environmental harm or concern do we see?

- Who is most affected?
- What local or state issues need our attention?

8. Judge: What Does Our Faith Say? (10 min)

Present CST reflections. Facilitate small group breakout.

Questions:

- What do Scripture and CST say about care for creation?
- How do these teachings affirm or challenge us?
- What values should guide our response?

9. Act: What Can We Do? (10 min)

Present parish and advocacy examples. Facilitate small group breakout.

Questions:

- What action can our parish take?
- How can we engage in advocacy?
- What personal or ministry step can we commit to?

10. Case Studies & Discussion (10 min)

Share slides on composting at St. Thomas More, Okefenokee advocacy, and PSC energy justice. Discuss levels of action and personal engagement.

11. Next Steps and Closing (5 min)

Encourage participants to continue the See–Judge–Act process with care and patience. Highlight the importance of moving at the speed of trust.