

St. Paul VI Parish

The Creation Care Workgroup

In his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis stated "The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn." (Laudato Si', 160)

In a recent Chicago Catholic article Cardinal Cupich quotes the Pope stating that "We need to change our lifestyles radically and rapidly." The Cardinal went on to state that "This means transitioning to clean, renewable energy, reducing our consumption and adopting a more sustainable way of living. We each can begin by taking personal responsibility and reducing our contribution to climate change . . ." (Chicago Catholic, November 2023)

To answer this directive from Pope Francis and with the support of Cardinal Cupich, St. Paul VI Parish formed - The Creation Care Workgroup. This Workgroup is intended to be representative of the entire parish with members from Lyons, North Riverside, Riverside and surrounding communities.

Our Mission

- 1. Address environmental issues within parish facilities.**
- 2. Assist with sustainable programs at the school.**
- 3. Educate and inform parishioners on sustainable practices.**

Initial Actions

- Place the Catholic teaching of Creation Care in front of parishioners through prayer intentions at mass and information in the bulletin/website.**
- Benchmark parish and school resource consumption and recycling efforts.**
- Identify ways to promote environmental and sustainability actions with parishioners.**
- Pursue energy audits for all 7 parish buildings.**

If you would like to join the workgroup or have questions, please contact: Bob Finn at spvicreationcare@gmail.com

We appreciate your feedback. St. Paul VI Creation Care Workgroup