



## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

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Dear Parish Priests and Administrators,

### ***Laudato Si* Action Plan**

This week you will receive a video of my homily for Pentecost Sunday, June 5. You might consider playing it at Masses on the day. June 5 is also World Environment Day, and the Archdiocese of Brisbane's *Laudato Si* Action Plan will be uploaded to the *Laudato Si* Action Platform, which is the result of collaboration between the Holy See's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and almost 200 Catholic bodies and organisations worldwide.

The Plan commits the Archdiocese to seven years of action under seven goals: response to the cries of the earth, response to the cries of the poor, ecological economics, living a sustainable lifestyle, ecological education, ecological spirituality, and community empowerment and resilience.

We are not starting from scratch. Much has been done to respond to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor for many years in parishes, schools and agencies. This Plan will build on the good work that has been done already.

All seven goals are important, but a commitment to ecological spirituality and ecological education is fundamental.

The current Plan is focused on action for the next twelve months. Various Archdiocesan agencies will take responsibility for the actions included in the Plan, but parishes will be provided with resources and opportunities, as well as support to take their own action locally.

In addition, parishes wanting to explore the possibility of developing their own *Laudato Si* Action Plan will be offered support to do this. If your parish does not have the capacity to develop its own Plan at this stage, support can be offered to assist you to build a commitment over time according to local needs and circumstances.

In this troubled time, the whole of humanity faces major social and environmental challenges. The Church has a part to play in facing these challenges, and we have a unique contribution to make. I strongly encourage you to look at the Archdiocesan *Laudato Si* Action Plan and to make the most of the opportunities offered to parishes as the Plan is implemented. You can find more information about the *Laudato Si* Action Platform at:

[www.laudatosiactionplatform.org/](http://www.laudatosiactionplatform.org/)

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More detailed information about the Archdiocesan *Laudato Si* Action Plan will be sent out by Evangelisation Brisbane in the coming days. This will include the video of my homily. For more information or to answer any questions, you might contact:

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As we approach the day of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit, working through us, renew the face of the earth.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane