



## **Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict**

### **Good Samaritan *Laudato Si'* Action Goals**

#### **1. Response to the Cry of the Earth**

##### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Ensure carbon offset (for tree planting) for plane travel; and in this first year we will review the allocation
- ii. Continue the work of ecological restoration on the Wivenhoe property (200 ha)
- iii. Strive to make our offices carbon neutral
- iv. Investigate the installation of solar panels and rainwater tanks

##### **The Ecological Conversion Committee will encourage all Good Samaritans to**

- v. Practise being neighbour to our environment wherever we are
- vi. Reject single use plastics, including straws
- vii. Review our use of heating and cooling in local houses

#### **2. Response to the Cry of the poor**

##### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Continue our support of communities and individuals that are vulnerable including those in Bacolod (Philippines), Kiribati, Timor Leste, indigenous people, women, and children at risk of homelessness, persons who have been trafficked, refugees and asylum seekers, Uganda
- ii. Acknowledge that we may have done harm in the past and commit to creating an environment of respect and safety for all, especially children and adults at risk

##### **The Ecological Conversion Committee will encourage all Good Samaritans to**

- iii. Practise being neighbour to all persons wherever we are
- iv. Participate in local and global events that foster care of the environment
- v. Identify and reduce the use of products that are harmful to the environment

### **3. Ecological Economics**

#### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Undertake ethical investments where the environmental, social and governance impacts of companies are scrutinised
- ii. Reduce our investments in fossil fuels
- iii. Increase our impact investments
- iv. Encourage the Outreach Centre in Bacolod to continue the micro banking project

#### **The Ecological Conversion Committee will encourage all Good Samaritans to**

- v. Promote ethical consumption
- vi. Shop locally and use local products
- vii. Encourage all Good Samaritans to lobby governments and companies re environmental protection

### **4. Adoption of Simple Lifestyles**

#### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Reduce our plane travel by meeting electronically
- ii. Use more hybrid cars
- iii. Reduce our use of paper and our waste in the congregational offices
- iv. Recycle, reuse and re-purpose where possible

#### **The Ecological Conversion Committee will encourage all Good Samaritans to**

- v. Reflect on and make a commitment in the Season of Creation to the *Laudato Si'* Goals with specific actions, local and personal
- vi. Share cars where possible and use more public transport
- vii. Reduce, recycle, reuse and re-purpose where possible
- viii. Reduce our consumption of meat

### **5. Ecological Education**

#### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Promote ecological education with an appropriate commitment to resources, human and other
- ii. Embed ecological conversion in all formation programs
- iii. Review our policies in this area
- iv. Support and encourage our Kinder schools to provide appropriate ecological education

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- v. Read, participate, and reflect with the available resources and formative opportunities

## **6. Ecological Spirituality**

### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Promote opportunities for deepening our ecological spirituality where all creation is understood as sacred (Rule of Benedict)
- ii. Foster a deepening of our understanding that we are “cantors of the universe” (Abraham Herschel) in our daily prayer
- iii. Provide resources and opportunities for all Good Samaritans

### **The Ecological Conversion Committee will encourage all Good Samaritans to**

- iv. Deepen our understanding and commitment to the Cosmic Christ
- v. Take care with the language used for God and all creation
- vi. Spend time appreciating the natural environment
- vii. Encourage growing appreciation of indigenous spiritualities

## **7. Emphasis on community involvement and participation**

### **As a Congregation we will**

- i. Continue and deepen our partnerships with
  - Pacific Calling Partnership and Pacific Climate Watch (Inter-congregational voice)
  - Faith ecology network
  - UISG initiative: Sowers of Hope
  - Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans

### **The Ecological Conversion Committee will encourage all Good Samaritans to**

- i. Promote advocacy and local campaigns
- ii. Promote and support ecological initiatives of government and other agencies