

7-YEAR JOURNEY
**LAUDATO SI'
ACTION PLATFORM**

TOWARD INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY'S
ACTION PLAN**

4 Priority Areas – 27 Goals

- Priority 1: Integrate Integral Ecology across the Curriculum and Research
- Priority 2: Achieve Climate Neutrality and Reduce Seattle University's Environmental Footprint
- Priority 3: Practice Socially Responsible Consumption, Purchasing & Investment
- Priority 4: Develop a Sustainable Campus Climate and Deepen Community Engagement & Public Advocacy

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Learn more about Seattle University's
Laudato Si' Action Platform:
[Seattleu.edu/LaudatoSi](https://seattleu.edu/LaudatoSi)

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*“A journey towards full
sustainability in the holistic spirit
of integral ecology”*

**Updates & Accomplishments
Year 2 ~ 2022-23**

Laudato Si' Action Platform: A "Reigniting Our Strategic Directions" Goal

Foundational Goal – Remaining Anchored in our Jesuit and Catholic Character

"Guide Seattle University's institutional participation in Pope Francis' Seven-Year Journey Toward Integral Ecology, through the Laudato Si' Action Platform and in community with other Catholic universities. We will develop an Action Plan and Create a Leadership Structure to support Seattle University's participation in the Laudato Si' Action Platform."



Collaboration with Higher Education Institutions:

- Monthly meetings with AJCU partners: Santa Clara, Loyola Chicago, Marquette, Gonzaga, San Francisco, and Detroit Mercy
- Presented SU's LSAP at Santa Clara's "Climate and Environmental Justice Conference" on April 29, 2023
- LSAP Co-Chairs serve on the "Laudato Si" Commission for AJCU Faith, Justice & Reconciliation Assembly (Chicago, July 16-19, 2024)



LSAP Action Plan Accomplishments

- **LSAP 1 – Goal 1:** Formulated a university-wide definition of "sustainability"
- **LSAP 1 – Goal 3:** Completed a sustainability literacy assessment to be sent to freshmen and seniors each year
- **LSAP 1 – Goal 5:** Created a Sustainability "Courses" and a "Research" repository mapping its content to the UN 17 SDGs and the LSAP goals
- **LSAP 2 – Goal 3:** Purchased third-party verified and SU mission-aligned carbon offsets to compensate for SU's energy and campus fleet emissions.
- **LSAP 2 – Goal 4:** Developed a draft "Green Fleet" policy
- **LSAP 2 – Goal 6:** Created Zero Waste working group to develop a waste baseline and zero waste action plan
- **LSAP 3 – Goal 1 and 2:** Developed a draft "institution-wide ethical, equitable, and sustainable procurement policy"
- **LSAP 3 – Goal 3:** Developed proposal for the creation of the LSAP Investments Work Group
- **LSAP 3 – Goal 4:** SU fully divested the marketable portion of its endowment from any investments in companies owning fossil fuel reserves
- **LSAP 4 – Goal 1:** Launched the annual Laudato Si' University celebration



LSAP Communication and Engagement

- **Year 1 LSAP Summit and Celebration, October 2022:** We gathered for an update and celebrated SU's participation in Pope Francis's "Seven-Year Journey Toward Integral Ecology." Speakers included President Eduardo Peñalver, LSAP Co-Chairs Jeanette Rodriguez and Yolanda Cieters and the four Priority Sponsors.
- **LSAP website created:** www.seattleu.edu/laudatosi
- **Creation of LSAP icon badges:** Shared across the University for colleagues to show connection between their programming and LSAP goals.
- Completed a **"Did You Know"** graphics series about sustainability at SU.
- **Earth Month 2023:** 16 events total, including 8 student-led. Major events: Governor Inslee (Institute for Public Service); Earth Talks (Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability), Catholic Earth Day Summit (Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture and the Creation Care Network), Colleagues Series (Center for Jesuit Education).
- **ICTC Events:** "Caring for Our Common Home: A reading of *Laudato Si'* through the lenses of *Querida Amazonia*" with Cecilia Titizano; "Ecological Spirituality from the Ancestral Testimonies of the Nahua People" with Ignacio Torres Ramírez.

