

## Family of Parishes Creation Care Lenten and Easter Challenge #2

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Our Family of Parishes (FoP) Creation Care Team presents Worksheet #2 of the Maryknoll Affiliates Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) worksheets to continue helping our parish community respond to Pope Francis's call to environmental sustainability (<http://laudatosiactionplatform.org>).



**Worksheet # 2 – Goal #2 - Respond to the Cry of the Poor** is a call to promote eco-justice. We are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. This worksheet addresses how our use and management of water can be a concrete response to the cry of the poor, who often live in vulnerable communities in the front-line of floods, droughts, and water contamination. It focuses on reducing pollution and increasing resiliency in local bodies of water and why acting locally helps people and life across the globe.

**Focus Areas for Goal #2** • Local water source defense; Water conservation (personal and household); and Yard and landscapes decisions.

### **Specific Actions for Goal #2**

**Pray:** Pray and reflect on Psalms 72 and 104.

**Act:** **Short Term Actions**, e.g. Stop chemicals and trash entering waterways by reducing chemical use indoors and outdoors and picking up trash. Conserve water by taking shorter showers, running clothes and dishwashers only when full, and by avoiding watering landscape during the heat of the day. Consider ways to better capture rainwater to water the landscape



**Longer Term Actions:** e.g. Replace appliances with WATER SENSE rated models, or with other water saving features.

**Advocate:** e.g. Investigate the state of water infrastructure in your city and state, especially in poorer areas. Petition local leaders for improvements, especially for historically overlooked neighborhoods.

Please see the Maryknoll worksheet #2 in full for more actions you can take and resources for Goal #2 Respond to the Cry of the Poor (<https://godsplanet.us/maryknoll-affiliates-lsap-goals-worksheets>).