

Family of Parishes Creation Care Lenten and Easter Challenge #3

Our Family of Parishes (FoP) Creation Care Team presents Worksheet #3 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.

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>



Worksheet # 3 – Goal #3 – Economic Ecologies acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society which itself is embedded within the biosphere—our common home. This worksheet addresses sustainable production and consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and any activity harmful to the planet and the people, supporting circular economies, and prioritizing care labor and protecting the dignity of workers.

Focus Areas for Goal #3 - Investment/Divestment Strategies, Faith Consistent Investing; Circular Consumption.

Specific Actions for Goal #3

Pray: Pray and reflect on Leviticus 25, and Matthew Chapter 6 (or Luke Chapter 12).

Act: **Short Term Actions:** e.g. Investigate where your money is invested and divest from any investments that are harmful to the Earth and its inhabitants. Assess your household trash/recycling practices, find ways to reduce trash by reducing purchases, especially those which are overpackaged, travel great distances, and might have been made using questionable labor practices. Consider purchasing goods second-hand, borrowing or renting, repairing, or even doing without.



Longer Term Actions: e.g. Write to your banks, investment fund managers, credit card companies, etc., asking them to divest from fossil fuels. Look into your local trash collection and recycling service. Which items are accepted, and where do they go? Can more be recycled or composted?

Advocate: Write to your U.S. Senators and Representatives, asking them to co-sponsor and support the passage of the Break Free From Plastic Act. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/984/all-info>

Please see the Maryknoll worksheet #3 in full for more *specific* actions you can take as well as resources for Goal #3 Ecological Economics. <https://godsplanet.us/maryknoll-affiliates-lsap-goals-worksheets>

