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LAUDATO SI' Action Platform

Five years of the Laudato Si' Platform: what people do, what the figures show and what they leave out

The five-year anniversary report, which will be presented on 4 November in Rome, covers the 2026 rebound and the gap represented by some dioceses, most of which are not yet connected to the Platform.

On 24 May 2020, on the fifth anniversary of the encyclical **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis announced the **Laudato Si' Year,** whose organisation he entrusted to the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. That year culminated in 2021 with the launch of the **Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)**, **a digital space where communities and institutions can register, draw up their integral ecology plan and record the various actions they complete.**

A project of the **Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development,** inspired by the encyclical, which **invites families, parishes, schools, congregations, dioceses and other institutions to take concrete steps towards seven goals over a seven-year journey.** Its first annual report put it this way: to add to the technical work of the energy transition and emissions reduction the more spiritual work of what Pope Francis calls ecological conversion.

The LSAP, conceived as a common support for seeing, connecting and strengthening the integral ecology plans of families, parishes, schools, congregations and dioceses, will present the report on **4 November at a press conference in Rome.** According to its register at 30 September 2026, the Platform has **13,652 accounts:** 6,238 from institutions and 7,414 from families and individuals.

A curve that is rising again

The registration curve traces the journey. After the peak at launch (3,224 registrations in 2021 and 3,468 in 2022), the number fell to 1,834 in 2023, 1,704 in 2024 and 1,341 in 2025; yet in 2026 it has risen again: with data up to September, **there are already 2,081, more than in any of those three full years**. In addition, participation has gone furthest in religious life, as the Platform has estimated that around 53% of the world's religious congregations are registered. The rebound, driven mainly by individuals and families, coincides, according to the report, with a more active cycle of campaigns (Laudato Si' Week, webinars, the Digital Missionaries Bootcamp…) and with improvements to the website, leading to the conclusion that **the invitation still matters**.

Since May 2025, participants have been able to mark as completed the actions the Platform suggests to them, and **nine of the ten most frequent in 2025 appear again among the ten in 2026**: recycling (which tops the list, with 7.4% of actions in 2025 and 7.5% in 2026), buying food from local producers, composting or installing efficient lighting. Most of these can be started, the report notes, without necessarily needing a new policy, a large budget or

institutional approval. Recycling is, in fact, the daily work of SOAR, and for Sister Comfort Arthur, a religious sister and public health officer, what sustains it is something else: *"Sustainability comes when people feel that the work belongs to them too."*

Experiences on different continents

The examples are spread across different continents. For example, in Salford (England), the restoration of the cathedral (Salford Cathedral), built in the 1840s, includes secondary glazing that protects the stained glass and so reduces heat loss, this action forming part of the diocese's commitment to reach net zero by 2038.

Meanwhile, in Nigeria, the campaign of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria aims for each diocese to plant 20,000 trees a year for five years; this target, however, has not yet been met, and, according to those responsible, the shift needed is from planting to growing trees.

In Guelph (Canada), the Ignatius Jesuit Centre has been working since 2006 on an old-growth forest with a 500-year horizon. On the other side of the world, in South Korea, the Sisters of Notre Dame made a pilgrimage to the Sura Tidal Flat to pray for its protection: "The biggest change is the shift of consciousness among the sisters," says Sister Marie Carmel.

Lastly, in the Pan-Amazon region, Fray Erick Marín Carballo accompanies Indigenous peoples in the face of threats such as illegal mining. He took part in COP30 and organised a visit by people from the Amazon to Costa Rica so that they could amplify their concerns, dreams and hopes. Of his most recent visit to the Upper Rio Negro, among the Yuhupdeh, a semi-nomadic people in relatively recent contact, he says he found *"a resistance that knows no failure" and "a stubborn hope that does not yield".*

The challenge that continues

During the presentation, which will take place in November, the Digital Atlas will be shown live: an interactive map of the Platform that will make visible where communities are taking part and, provided participants allow it, will also show the plans and experiences they choose to share.

For the next stage, the report places the challenge in **narrowing the distance between receiving the invitation and being able to respond to it in a sustained way** with simpler access, better accompaniment, options for those with poor connectivity, more languages and closer work with dioceses and communities in the Global South. The measure of reach, it adds, should not be only **who can get in, but who manages to continue**.

Following the roadmap, whose horizon is **2031,** the plan is to **train ambassadors among bishops, priests and seminarians** with the aim of reaching dioceses, expanding the map, training digital missionaries and moving from counting activity to understanding patterns and, whenever the evidence allows, assessing its impact.

These ambitions are reflected in the report as a hope, with the aim of reaching **50,000 participants, 20,000 Catholic institutions and 1,000 dioceses represented.** *"A Platform can help us find one another. But the work is carried by people,"* **says Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, Senior Advisor to the Laudato Si' Action Platform at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.**

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