

Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice OF MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI

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To: All Catholic Dioceses of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei

Dear Right Reverend Archbishops/Bishops, Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Catechists, and Heads of Religious Communities and Ministries/Commissions/Church Organizations in the Diocese

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM PRAYER CAMPAIGN (4 OCT - 14 NOV 2021)

The Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (IHD) has initiated the **Laudato Si' Action Platform** (LSAP). It was soft-launched at the end of Laudato Si' Week in May this year but the main launch will be conducted by His Holiness Pope Francis on 14 November 2021. Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the IHD, has <u>written</u> to all the Bishops' Conferences around the world urging all Catholic communities to join the LSAP (*also in the folder in item 8 below*).

For the Catholic Bishops Conference of **Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei**, the Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice has taken on the responsibility for being the focal point for the LSAP. The ECCJ-MSB has been an integral co-leader in shaping both the model and the content of the LSAP by serving on selected Working Groups.

What is the LSAP?

- 1. The Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) is an action-oriented **7-year** ecological conversion journey in the spirit of integral ecology intended to support and empower families, communities and institutions to achieve total sustainability.
- 2. The aim of the LSAP is to listen and respond to the **cry of the Earth, the cry of the poor** and the cry of our children and future generations. LSAP employs a synodal process to build 'a people's movement from below' that can really bring about the radical change needed given the urgency of the crisis of our common home.
- The LSAP serves seven goals: (1) Hearing the Cry of the Earth, (2) Hearing the Cry of the Poor, (3) Ecological Economics, (4) Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, (5) Ecological Education, (6) Ecological Spirituality, and (7) Community Participatory Action.
- The LSAP involves seven sectors in the Catholic Church: (1) Families, (2) Parishes and Dioceses, (3) Educational Institutions, (4) Hospitals and Health Care Centres, (5) Economic Institutions (businesses, cooperatives, farms, etc.), (6) Organizations (e.g. Caritas) and (7) Religious Orders/Congregations.
- 5. On 14 November 2021, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, Pope Francis will launch the LSAP. The Laudato Si' Planning Guide and all related materials will be published, and members of the universal Church will be invited to register with the LSAP and make a firm commitment to creating their own Laudato Si' Plans. (See: laudatosiactionplatform.org)

LSAP Prayer Campaign: 4 October to 14 November 2021

- 6. In the period 4 October to 14 November, the IHD will run a **Prayer Campaign** for communities joining the LSAP. All Catholics across the globe are invited to participate.
- 7. The Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei (ECCJ-MSB) has undertaken co-leadership of the IHD's 40-day prayer campaign for communities joining the LSAP in this region.
- A prayer for each sector has been prepared. Everyone is urged to say the prayer for your sector daily and also for other sectors. The folder for the prayers for different sectors is <u>here</u>: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aNG7fsP0buWXo9kogKM2T55P9fUAww_L?usp=sharing</u>
- 9. The Creation Justice Commission will organize an LSAP SOLIDARITY PRAYER GATHERING on Thursday 28 October 2021 from 8.00 9.30 pm. Please join us. The Zoom link is: https://coom.us/i/96843086535?pwd=TzA2ZUIxYUZsZ2RPY1piTHIBSDIXdz09 Meeting ID: 968 4308 6535 Passcode: 554089
- 10. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write to Ms Clare Westwood at <u>creationjustice.msb@gmail.com</u>

Thank you for supporting this urgent initiative of the one holy and apostolic Roman Catholic Church.

In Christ

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