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Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff
From: Laura Rios, Coordinator
Date: February 14, 2022
Subject: Blessing of Solar System at St. Anthony

Dear Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff:

You are invited to attend the unveiling and blessing of St. Anthony Parish Solar System on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Attached you will also find some articles and websites with climate actions and creation care tips to help on the Laudato Si' journey for our common home on Pope Francis' encyclical; Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home.

Please contact St. Anthony Parish at 916- 428-5678 with any questions. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Laura Rios

Coordinator, Catholic Charities & Social Concerns
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St. Anthony Catholic Church - Parish Solar

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Join us for the unveiling and blessing of our new
Parish Solar System (immediately following
10:30 A.M mass).

**Come celebrate Care for Our Common
Home.**

**Reception with snacks and light refreshments is planned.*

Presiding:



**Most Reverend
Jaime Soto**

Bishop of the Diocese
of Sacramento

Tell us you're coming by scanning the QR code:



Location:





St. Francis/Laudato Si' Climate Action Pledges

Need a little more inspiration to get started on your St. Francis/*Laudato Si'* Pledge? Here are some articles and websites with climate actions and creation care tips to help on your *Laudato Si'* journey for our common home.

Want to report your pledge so that we can tally Catholic climate action? Please [fill-out this form](#) with your pledge.

- [Calculate my carbon footprint](#) and [find ways to reduce](#) it by at least 10% in the next year
- Be a part of a [Catholic Youth and Young Adult climate action program](#)
- Stop using disposable plastic bottles, bags, straws, cutlery and cups! Say NO to single-use plastic.
See: [Reducing Plastic Waste and Moving Beyond a Throwaway Culture](#)
[How Can Parishes Reduce Plastic Waste?](#), NCR EarthBeat
[NCR Podcast: Reducing Plastic Waste](#)
[Plastic and the State of Our Souls](#), Sojourners
- [Walk, cycle, carpool, or use public transport](#)
- Plant pollinator-friendly flowers and spread wildflower seeds.
See: [St. Kateri Habitat Program](#)
[Minnesota Will Pay Homeowners to Replace Lawns with Bee-Friendly Wildflowers, Clover and Native Grasses](#)
- Switch to renewable energy
See: [Catholic Energies](#)
[What Are Some Ways Parishes Can Acquire Solar Panels?](#), NCR
[Laudato Si' urges us to transition to renewable energy](#)
- Go meatless on Monday and/or Fridays (at least)
See: [How Our Food Choices Can Save the World](#)
[Mercy Meatless Mondays](#)
- [Reuse, recycle, reduce](#) my consumption of resources

- [Use less water](#)
See: [Running Out of Drinking Water video](#)
- [Speak to my elected officials about climate change](#)
- [Fly less and offset travel when possible](#)
- Plant at least two trees this year
See: [2019 Feast of St. Francis Program](#) and [Grow Clean Air Tree Planting Service and Prayer](#) from Catholic Health Association
- [Wash clothes in cold water and hang-dry clothes](#)
- [Install a programmable thermostat](#)
- [Replace appliances](#) with Energy Star rated ones
- [Replace incandescent and compact fluorescent lights with LED lights](#)
- [Reduce my food waste](#)
See: Ignatian Solidarity Network's [Lent Mini Food Waste Challenge](#) and [Mercy Earth Challenge, Just Food \(Week 4\)](#)
- [Compost leaves and food waste](#)
- Start conversations about climate change with family and friends
See: [Communicating Climate Change to People of Faith](#), Catholic Climate Covenant webinar
 - [The Most Important Thing You Can Do to Fight Climate Change: Talk About It](#)
 - [A Better Way to Talk About Climate Change](#)
 - [How to Talk to Kids About Climate Change](#)
 - [Courageous Conversations about Climate Change](#)
- [Start/join a Creation Care Team in my parish or school](#)
- Call upon political candidates to take climate change seriously
See: [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.](#)
- [Pray for our common home](#) and all Earth protectors
- Participate in national, international, local, church, community, family or individual events that lift up care for creation.