

Holy Family Parish, San Antonio, TX USA

All seven goals speak to our community, however the one that resonates the most is Goal 3; Ecological Economics, Sustainable production and consumption. This goal motivates us to be more conscious of the amount of waste that occurs when we purchase “single-use” plastics. Our goal will be to eliminate the use of foam cups and plates, replace them with washable dishes and utensils.

We are all connected — created in God’s image and bound by the same divine breath that gives life to every soul. Scripture reminds us that we are one body in Christ, each part essential to the whole. In today’s world, this truth still holds: our actions, choices, and compassion ripple outward, touching lives we may never meet. Whether through technology, community, or shared humanity, we are linked by both faith and responsibility — called to love one another as God has loved us.

Therefore, we understand that when one of us hurts, we all have the potential to hurt. The ecological crisis calls for everyone to work together to protect the “gifts” that God has bestowed upon us.

Vision Statement

At Holy Family, we envision a faith community where every parishioner practices sustainability, protects our planet, and cherishes all living creatures. We see a parish mindful of waste and plastic use — caring for creation, one another, and the most vulnerable, in the spirit of love and stewardship.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to live out Pope Francis’ call in *Laudato Si’* by promoting ecological awareness, reducing waste, and inspiring action within our parish and beyond. Through education, prayer, and community initiatives, we commit to caring for our common home and building a culture of respect for God’s creation.

How These Support the *Laudato Si’* Goals

1. **Response to the Cry of the Earth** – By reducing waste and plastic use, we protect natural ecosystems and promote sustainability.
2. **Response to the Cry of the Poor** – Sustainable practices help preserve resources for those most affected by environmental harm.
3. **Ecological Education** – Our mission includes teaching parishioners how faith and care for creation are deeply connected.

4. **Ecological Spirituality** – We root our environmental action in prayer, gratitude, and reverence for God's creation.
5. **Community Resilience and Empowerment** – By working together, Holy Family becomes a model parish of ecological conversion and hope.

We feel called to be part of this important journey because we understand the importance of protecting the planet for future generations and ourselves.

We are in the process of holding listening sessions to inform our parishioners about the importance of this initiative.