



Laudato Sí Action Plan 2022

The Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa, Sojourners, and Associates have committed to a mission of living and promoting active nonviolence and peacemaking. We are inspired by the words of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (CNI) which points out that the theology and practice of nonviolence offer a foundation for the long-term work of building the future envisioned in *Laudato Si'*.

Nonviolence combines unconditional love in action with a constant effort to oppose violence. It is a spirituality, a way of life, a strategy for bringing about social change, a method for protecting the vulnerable, and a universal ethic.

Nonviolence recognizes that all of Creation is interdependent: what affects one, affects us all. It is a force for good that can propel the crucial, historic shift to a world where our common home, and all who dwell in it, are honored and protected.

In furtherance of our mission and commitment to active nonviolence, we will continually be guided by, and advocate for, nonviolence in all efforts to protect and heal the earth and all of Creation in our journey to a *Laudato Si'* future.

ECO SPIRITUALITY

1. Encourage the Clinton Franciscan family to watch "[Gabriele Uhlein: The Ecospirituality of Pope Francis](#)" in 2022.
2. Hold four prayer services throughout the year
 - Vernal Equinox: Sunday, March 20, 2022
 - Summer Solstice: Tuesday, June 21, 2022
 - Autumnal Equinox: Thursday, September 22, 2022
 - Winter Solstice: Wednesday, December 21, 2022

CRY OF THE EARTH

1. Hire a contractor to conduct solar panel efficiency audit for The Canticle. Establish a plan to increase efficiency of the solar power generated to 40%-60% at The Canticle by December 31, 2023.

2. Utilize outside consultant firm to evaluate the carbon footprint of vehicle fleet at The Canticle. Consider electric vehicles and charging stations. Implement an improvement plan by December 2022.
3. Engage a contractor to evaluate the ratio of land cover to the needs of wildlife habitats on The Canticle property. Develop a plan by June 2024. The changes in land cover will include long-term restoration practices, along with land preservation, which will be completed by June 30, 2027.
4. Complete an assessment of single-use plastic and educate ourselves on sustainable alternatives by December 31, 2022. A plan will be devised to reduce use of plastics by July 2023.

CRY OF THE POOR (Immigration Reform)

1. Create a coalition in the wider Clinton (local) community to resettle and support one immigrant family - preferably Spanish-speaking. Establish by end of 2022 and continue support for up to two years.
2. Advocate for federal immigration reform legislation supported by Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC). Ongoing.
3. Monitor Iowa state legislation and governor's actions to restrict immigration or violate the human rights of immigrants in conjunction with the Iowa Catholic Conference. Ongoing.
4. Create or partner with others to sponsor 3-5 educational programs/materials to educate the public on facts regarding immigrants in 2022.

CRY OF THE POOR (Income Inequality and Basic Human Rights)

1. Support efforts to establish permanent supportive housing units and an emergency shelter in Clinton through coalition-building, providing start-up costs or other resources as determined by the Leadership Team. Ongoing.
2. Join advocacy efforts of NETWORK and other organizations to address income inequality by signing on and encouraging others to support. Ongoing.
3. Monitor state legislation and advocate against violations of human rights and cuts in social support programs. Ongoing.
4. Advocate for national voting rights legislation. Ongoing.
5. Sponsor 3-5 public educational programs in 2022 about systemic racism and efforts to address it.

CRY OF THE POOR (Anti-Trafficking)

1. Re-establish monthly meetings of the local Clinton coalition against human trafficking and plan one new effort in 2022. Ongoing.
2. Strengthen ties with the Iowa Network against Human Trafficking and U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking. Ongoing.
3. Hold at least 2 educational programs about trafficking in 2022.
4. Hold at least one major educational program about human trafficking in January 2023.

CRY OF THE POOR (Nuclear Disarmament)

1. Contact staff persons of both U.S. senators and our representative in 2022 regarding no-first-use policy and limiting presidential power to launch a nuclear attack.
2. Research companies that support the production and use of nuclear weapons. Examine our investments and purchases and create a plan to change our current practices as needed.
3. Hold an annual event commemorating the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Ongoing.
4. Research harmful environmental effects of the production of nuclear weapons and make Information available to the public in 2022.

CRY OF THE POOR (Death Penalty)

1. Continue prayer vigils when executions are scheduled. Ongoing.
2. Select and sponsor 1-2 people in 2022 to be trained in restorative justice.
3. Hold at least 2 public educational sessions in 2022 about the process of reconciliation and repair of harm.