

St. Peter Catholic Church

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## **Progress On Action Plan (October 2024 – September 2025)**

### **Goal 1**

We had thorough inspection of 3 buildings on parish campus to determine ways to maximize the sustainability of each. Our rectory has been extensively renovated recently; the Church and Parish Center have issues that need to be addressed as money becomes available. The first major project is currently underway, installing programmable control for the Church HVAC.

Increase composting of yard waste on our campus including mulching all leaves during fall cleanup.

### **Goal 2**

Support Habitat for Humanity (speaker at mass and special collection).

Support parish St. Vincent de Paul Society that provides aide to those needing assistance with utility bills.

Work with Catholic Action Center (CAC) to provide meals; provide sandwiches to St. Paul's on Wednesday for Open Door Lunch Ministry; Thanksgiving baskets to those in need.

### **Goal 3**

Use "green products" whenever possible for cleaning and office supplies.

Have lawn service contractors use green products, minimal use of chemicals to control weeds.

### **Goal 4**

Replace fixtures and light bulbs to LEDs in the Church and Parish Center as replacements are needed.

Modify use of fans in large ceiling fans in the Church to maximize HVAC according to season and use of the building.

Increase recycling for daily operations and parish events including adding more recycling receptacles.

Reduce printing of envelopes, bulletins, etc.

Donate leftovers from parish events to Catholic Action Center (CAC).

#### Goal 5

Publish Care for Creation goals and environmental tips in bulletin.

Coordinate with new Youth group Coordinator, Director of Religious Education, Parish and Diocese Laudato Si' Coordinators to brainstorm to expand ecological education in the parish. The youth will be involved in fall cleanup.

#### Goal 6

Restarted *Blessing of pets* (October 2024).

Celebrate *Care for Creation Mass* (September 2025) involving youth of parish.

Encourage the use of outdoor prayer space (Mary's Garden).

#### Goal 7

Continue to support BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington)

### **Commitments for 2026**

Install at least 1 water bottle refill station in Parish Center by December 2025.

Host a showing of "The Letter" and discussion by May 2026.

### **Challenge and Support Needed**

It has been difficult to implement the practice of using cups, plates, and utensils that can be washed and reused even though we have them available. We could use specific suggestions for making events like Fish Fries, parish picnics/dinners, and festivals ecologically friendly. We also could use help finding grant opportunities to fund our efforts to make our buildings and campus more sustainable.