

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM / LSAP

**If you are old enough,
do you remember how you
ushered in the Millennium Year?**

I was with the community in Newtown, Wales, gathered round a candle which each household had been given to light at midnight and pray together the universal prayer that united people of all faiths and none. What hopes we had for our world! What longings!



Now we are ushering in 2025. Surely our hopes and longings have grown and intensified as we reflect on what we have witnessed and experienced, some more some less, this quarter of a century. There is no need for me to list what troubles us in the wounded world today. Every day seems to bring reports of more disasters and emergencies and urgent appeals for aid. But in this Jubilee Year of 2025 our Christian hope is being intensified.

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opening of the door
of St. Peter's



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One of the ways we in the Society are living that hope is through our active membership of the Laudato Si Action Platform. In 2015 Pope Francis spoke powerfully to the suffering world in his encyclical letter: **Laudato Si: On care for our common home**. Inspired by this encyclical, the Laudato Si Action Platform was set up to equip the Church to achieve real and lasting solutions to the ecological crisis: **“concrete actions to protect our common home.”** A small group in the **European province** then worked together to recommend to their 2021 Province Chapter that the province should not only join the Platform, but make a recommendation to the 2022 General Chapter that the whole Society should register membership. The **2022 General Chapter Enactments** committed us to this.

Over time, all three provinces have registered separately and submitted their annual plans, focussing on which of the **seven key Goals** proposed by the Platform can be taken up by their members. Currently a small team in each province oversees and encourages active participation. The Platform invites us to evaluate and then renew our

Plans each year. In this process it is possible to add further Goals. It is the hope of those in the province teams that we can give this witness as One Society. **Common to us all at present are the Goals of Sustainable Lifestyle and Ecological Education.**

WHERE DO WE STAND?