

Media Release

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Responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor through Catholic Earthcare programs

To respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and support the Social Justice statement 2021/2022, Catholic Earthcare Australia has launched the national #act4ourcommonhome campaign.

The campaign encourages the Catholic community to embrace the Season of Creation by taking up the Laudato Si' 'action goals' and participating in a Catholic Earthcare school, parish or family program.

Community members take a photo of their actions for the environment - gardens growing, treading gently with resources, being in nature, a place they love – and share on Instagram or Facebook with #care4ourcommonhome.

From September 1st, Catholic Earthcare will be streaming the 'actions' being undertaken across schools, parishes and families via its website, to show the collective efforts of the community this Season of Creation.

To register visit <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/act4ourcommonhome/>

“Our Catholic Earthcare Australia programs are growing,” reports Sue Martin, Catholic Earthcare Australia Coordinator. “Catholic Earthcare Schools, Youth and Parishes and Families Program are all now active and support our purpose to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”

“The #act4ourcommonhome campaign is a way for the Catholic community to come together as a collective. All of our small actions together will be a powerful response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor,” she said.

Catholic Earthcare Australia’s certification process lays the groundwork for community-led change actions. The change process, anchored to the mission and identity of each organisation, takes the intentions of Laudato Si' and shapes them into self-determined challenges for initiating ecological conversation.

Catholic Earthcare is a meeting place and common platform for ideas so that together we can make a difference. The Catholic Earthcare Schools program is growing with over 140 registered schools across Australia, with a robust support of the parish program.

Catholic Earthcare Australia is a program of Caritas Australia. For further information please contact Sue Martin on sue.martin@caritas.org.au or 0432-716-577