

# Parish Land & Community Pilot

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A 12-Month Community-Building Initiative Rooted in Laudato Si'

## Framing

Laudato Si' calls the Church to an integral vision of ecology—one that unites care for creation, care for the poor, and the rebuilding of human community. Parish land offers a tangible way to embody this call locally. This pilot evaluates whether intentional ecological design can strengthen parish life, visible witness, and community participation.

## Purpose

To test whether a modest pollinator habitat on parish property can function as community-building infrastructure while reflecting the Church's commitment to integral ecology.

## Scope (Year One)

- Select one defined underutilized parcel (e.g., lawn edge or open green space).
- Commission a regionally appropriate pollinator habitat design.
- Form one parish stewardship team to oversee installation and care.

## Intended Community Outcomes

- Increase visible participation in shared parish activity.
- Create intergenerational volunteer opportunities.
- Strengthen parish identity through shared stewardship.
- Provide modest harvest for hospitality, liturgy, or charitable use.

## Implementation Phases

- Discernment (0–2 months): Site selection, leadership alignment, modest budget approval.
- Installation (3–6 months): Native planting with community participation.
- Stewardship (6–12 months): Ongoing volunteer care and integration into parish life.

## Evaluation Metrics

- Volunteer participation levels.
- Maintenance cost comparison to prior lawn care.
- Integration into parish programming.
- Community visibility and engagement.

This initiative does not introduce a new program. It reframes land already maintained as a modest, disciplined experiment in community formation aligned with the global wellness vision articulated in Laudato Si'.