

# HOPE



**Raising Hope for a Reconciled Creation**

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Laudato Si'**

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# Mentorship



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## Mission

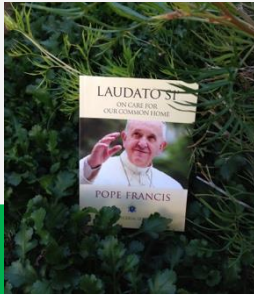
To inspire and empower youth to take faith-driven action on climate change by raising awareness of environmental conservation, promoting Catholic Social Teaching, and advancing the message of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. We engage communities through media, civic education, partnerships that support the Sustainable Development Goal 13 Call to Climate Action, and ecological responsibility, justice, faith, and shared humanity.

led by faith, who lead transformative change. Our interpretation of *Laudato Si'* and our vision of sustainable communities are rooted in faith. Our mentorship drive ecological justice, faith, and shared humanity.





# My journey with the Laudato Si' Action Platform



ABOUT OUR



"We are called to care for our common home, as urged by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*," Brother Adolf explains. "Our work is deeply rooted in Catholic social teachings, Ugandan environmental laws, and even the Story of the Uganda Martyrs, which inspires conversations on faith, ecological sustainability, and cultural values. We must act now, aligning our efforts with the call of *Laudate Deum* and the urgency of [Sustainable Development Goal 13](#)."

When I was invited to contribute a blog story highlighting the [Laudato Youth Initiative](#), a **youth-led and faith-inspired initiative in Uganda** that could speak to the reality of local actions and global connections through responding to the message of the encyclical *Laudato Si* and youth engagement to build hope for the future.

## The idea behind this initiative is to give hope

During the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people were locked up in their homes, jobs were lost, and we began seeing more **environmental destruction tendencies** like logging, illegal charcoal burning, food crisis and rising poverty levels due to loss of jobs and people resorted exploiting environmental resources in their homes as a way of survival and to earn a living in those difficult times.





**We felt this was a wake-up call for us to walk with our communities and rebuild our relationship with creation**

- By responding to cry of the earth with the formation of **Laudato Si Clubs** that would unite people for Climate Action.
- Now to bring the message of Laudato Si' closer to our African reality. We drew inspiration from the Uganda Martyrs; young, courageous, and faithful.

The Silent Suffering: Effects of Heat Waves on Mental Health – Ugandan Schools

## **EFFECTS OF HEATWAVE ON YOUR HEALTH**



When it's too hot, I can't focus. I feel tired and restless, and I just want to go home. – This is the reality that many young people are facing.





Today we give gratitude, to Pope Francis who in his Encyclical invited us to recognise that;

***“All of us can cooperate as instruments of God in the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements, and talents.”***

***(Laudato Si', 14)***



**We do that**

Schools

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Universities

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The Laudato Youth Initiative brings a new African-engrained perspective

Parishes

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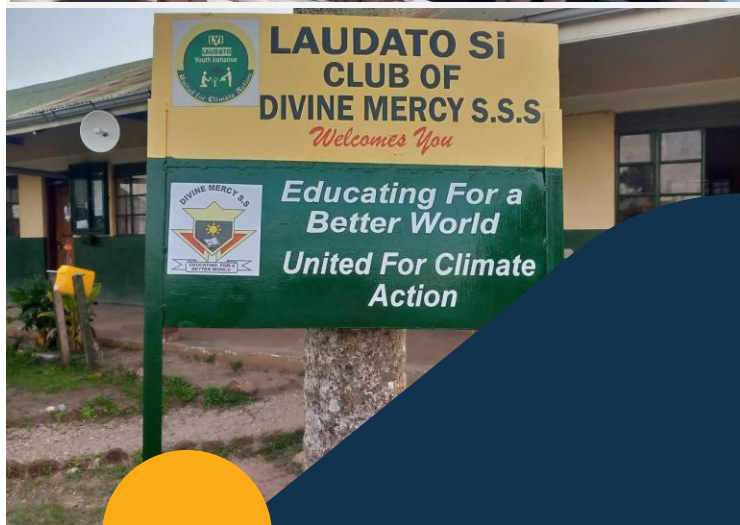
Dioceses

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Communities

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The international response to the climate crisis needs to bridge the gap between Cop summits and the experience of those who face its consequences. It must ignite hope for a climate-resilient generation







## *Mobilization*

- Our dedicated and zealous small group of Laudato youth leaders, coordinates hundreds of young people across the country and beyond.
- They majorly operate from their tiny one-room office at John Paul Justice and Peace Center in Kampala to coordinates a vast network of clubs majorly through the media, and personal outreach to their grassroots initiatives, to support team work in the activities and programs of the clubs.





# HOW OUR INITIATIVE RESPONDS TO LAUDATO SI'

## *Spiritually*

Our open-air Laudato Si Masses, Laudato Si Festivals, and participate in conferences that blend faith, ecology

## *Environmentally*

We started this year with the pilgrims of green hope theme and the **one million tree planting campaign**. we're seeing progress: reforestation, our waste management campaigns, recycling initiatives, eco innovations and other nature-based solutions.

## *Socially*

Laudato Si Clubs are transforming communities. Our youth are discovering their talents, forming friendships, and exhibiting good leadership as bridge builders but also through music, art works, publications, mental health awareness, debates, media (Raising Laudato Voices for creation) and dialogue with interfaith groups

## *Economically*

Smart farming (kitchen gardens) and eco-innovation are opening new pathways.







Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the enviclical Laudato Si



*With all this Laudato Youth*

# HOPE

*To build a future with a Community Transformation model that will inspire a generational renewal  
to build a Kingdom of Justice and Peace that Christ entrusted us through creation care*

One that will  
uphold the  
legacy of  
Pope Francis

“Laudato  
Youth”

Nurture  
Pilgrims of  
Green hope  
who understand  
the Concept of  
integral  
ecology/ Faith  
& Science

Walking  
the path of  
synodality  
in action  
for nature

*The question to ponder is that Pope Francis whose Legacy we are celebrating today  
**left us a question for reflection** "What kind of world do we want to leave to those  
who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" Laudato Si', 160.*

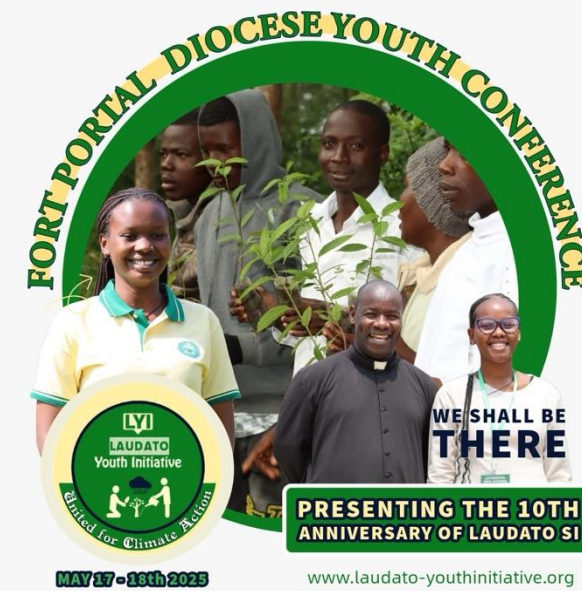


## Re-thinking our footprint

Last year our Laudato Si Clubs president was honored at the **national girl child champions award** that commemorates the international day of the girl's child "And now we're seeing international recognition from being invited to contribute an opinion to [COP 29](#) to [Vatican Media](#) feature interviews on our Impact ahead of Laudato Si' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and [LSAP feature story](#). The impact has been wide-reaching: Our recent engagements [for the 10 years anniversary](#) were so inspiring; we engaged in prayer, reflection, renewal, action and planned for a future with greater impact as witnesses to Pope Francis' ecological legacy











# Thank you for listening! For more information

Reach out to us!

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