

Ecological Economics

Goals:

- Continue to educate and advocate for divestment of fossil fuels and encourage Cojourners to divest.
- Invest in renewable energy and other technologies.
- Advocate federally for economic reforms that are racially and economically just while addressing climate change.
- Support sustainable production and ethical consumption.
- Sustainable support of agencies that expand and develop lives of the vulnerable locally/nationally/internationally.
- Work for policies at the federal level to address climate refugees.
- Plan now for local economies with food production and water policies.
- Work for transition policies and funding for education and jobs for those living in frontline communities affected by extractive industries.



Actions

- Invest in fossil fuel alternatives.
- Support investments that are green and fit values associated with *Laudato Si*
- Advocate for policy changes in living wage and racial justice.
- Support just economic and job transition.

Resources:

Hydrogen energy will be in the news and policy considerations moving forward. It is important to understand this new technology that includes grey, blue and green hydrogen and implications. Here is one resource: <https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/hydrogen/hydrogen-industry-must-clean-itself-up-before-expanding-into-new-uses-report-finds>.

The **Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns** pays special attention to economics. Check out various resources. <https://maryknollogc.org/resources?issue=All®ion=All&keyword=economics>

The ***Laudato Si* Movement (formerly Global Catholic Climate Movement)** is very active with divestment from fossil fuels and other actions that address economic structural change in light of *Laudato Si*. <https://www.laudatosi.org/laudato-si/laudato-si-movement/>

Paul Hawken, author of *Drawdown* continues to explore ways to move forward to lower carbon emissions and create a new economy and society with his work, "Regeneration: How to stop the climate crisis in one generation." Books and videos available. <https://www.caremorebetter.com/regeneration-ending-the-climate-crisis-in-one-generation/>.

First Nations Development Institute is a good organization to know about who addresses economics from a worldview of indigenous people. <https://www.firstnations.org/>.

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All-powerful God,

you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* Climate Prayer