

## Our Commitment to Care for Earth

In 2004, the Sisters of Saint Joseph discerned a call to caring for Earth and committed themselves to work for Earth sustainability, with a focus on clean water. **Change for Global Change** was founded in 2006 to implement that commitment.

**Sustainability:** "Meeting our present needs without jeopardizing the needs of future generations."

### Pope Francis and Laudato Si

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote the encyclical, *Laudato Si*, in which he addresses not only Catholics, but all people on Earth. The Holy Father issued an "urgent challenge to protect our common home, to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change" [13].

### #LiveLaudatoSi

In May 2021, Pope Francis announced the launch of a 7-year Laudato Si Action Platform to implement environmental sustainability in the Church and with all people of good will. **Visit our website** to learn how C4GC is part of the Laudato Si action plan for the SSJs, and how you can pledge to #LiveLaudatoSi as an individual.

**Make your check payable to:**  
**Change for Global Change**  
9701 Germantown Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19118-2694

Or donate online at:

[www.changeforglobalchange.org](http://www.changeforglobalchange.org)



## How Can I BE THE CHANGE?

**Pray for Earth** – Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* and pray daily for Earth and those impacted by climate change.

**Reduce your carbon footprint** - Visit our website for suggestions of how you can be gentler to Earth.

**Spread the word** - Share our Facebook and Instagram posts on your personal pages and help us get the word out about C4GC.

**Donate** - Practically every cent goes to the clean water & sustainability projects we fund around the world. Help us help others!



### Our campaign is now year-round!

Follow our reminders and updates on social media as we work and pray for Earth and all creatures in every season!

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Implementing the SSJ  
generous promise to care for Earth  
and the dear neighbor...



...Putting *Laudato Si* into action



## 2023-24 Campaign

**#LoveEarthBoldly**  
**#LiveLaudatoSi**



## How Can You #LiveLaudatoSi?

### Pray with and for creation



*"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God."*

*Laudato Si' 119*

- Pray outdoors.
- Give thanks for creation in your daily prayers and pray for Earth.

### Live Simply

*"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions."*

*Laudato Si' 211*



- Go without meat one day a week.
- Drive less. Consolidate errands, or decide to walk or use a bike for short trips.

### Advocate to protect our common home



*"There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced."*

*Laudato Si' 26*

- Connect with local organizations advocating for the climate.
- Contact your political representatives at federal, state and local levels of government.



### Spread the word

*"Truly, much can be done!"*

*Laudato Si' 180*

Friends telling friends is the best way to make good things happen. Invite them to join us.

***For 17 years, C4GC has been helping Sisters of Saint Joseph around the world fund projects for clean water and sustainable change on the local level.***

### What we do



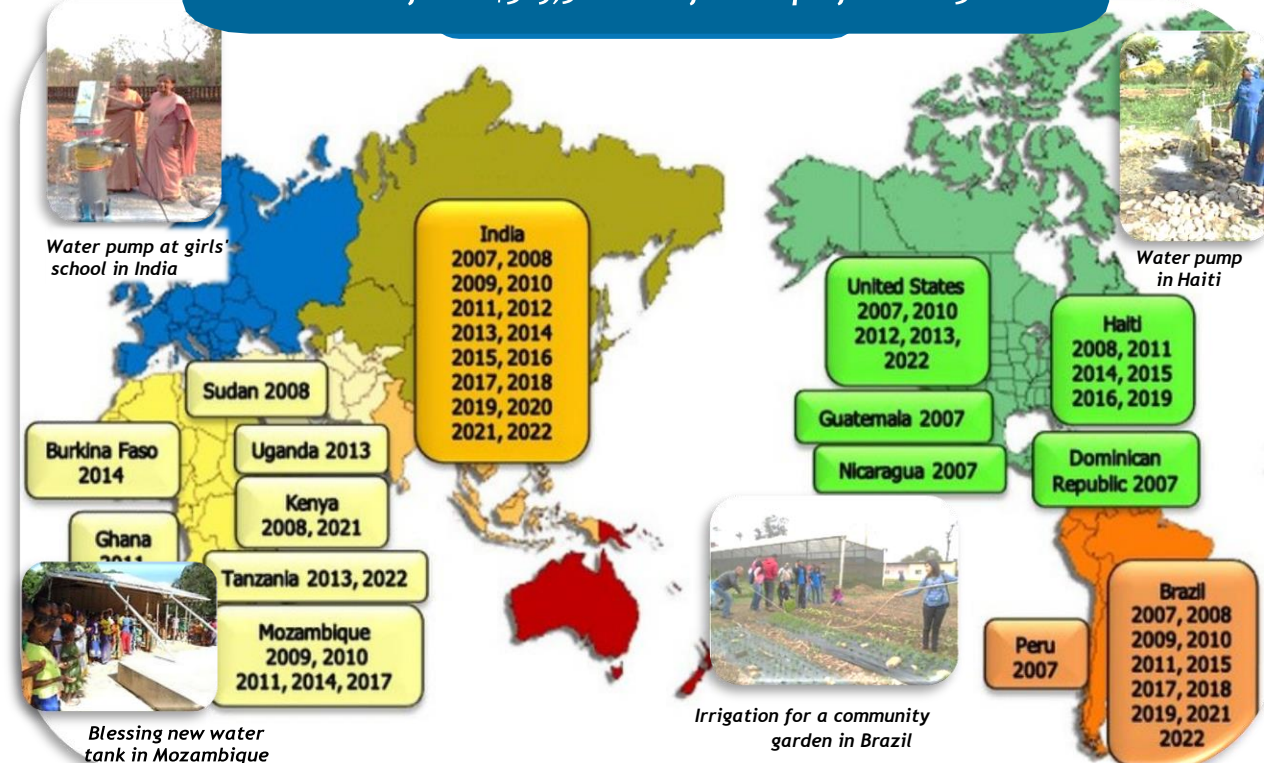
C4GC raises awareness of sustainability issues that affect the lives of every person on our planet. C4GC collects donations from donors like you!

Sisters of Saint Joseph serving around the world apply to C4GC for grants of up to \$5000 to fund sustainability projects in the places where they serve, like drilling wells for clean water, planting trees, creating community gardens, and environmental education.

With a volunteer board and contributed services, **C4GC gives out nearly 100% of received donations as grant awards.**

### Where we do it

**Donations of over \$329,500 have funded projects in 83 areas**



***"...a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."***

*- Laudato Si (49)*