

Jan, I will not be able to attend the Jan. 24th, 4:00pm meeting due to impending snow conditions. Please find a summary report and plan update from On Care for Our Common Home:

1. Green Purchase Policy for Stella Maris Parish has been approved by the Leadership Council.

2. "The St. Francis Pledge", a Catholic statement exposing concern of Creation / our environment had been approved by the Green Bay Diocese in 2009, AND recently has been approved by the Stella Leadership Council.

—A Parish and Public awareness event for both of the above has been proposed to be a part of the Alpha Alumni event set for February 13th. Both Documents will be officially singed and photographed and press releases sent from this event.

3. On Jan. 31st at 1:30 On Care will meet with the Stella Staff to inform & discuss both the Green Purchase and St. Francis Pledge as a means of seeking staff advice on ways to promote each.

4. On Jan. 24th, On Care will meet with the Men's Bible Study Group to inform & discuss Green Purchase & St. Francis Pledge to seek advice & help in promoting at the Parish and Community.

5. On April 26, 27, 28, work by On Care with the plan team for "Earth Day is Every Day Festival" (EDED) will take place at the Kress Pavilion, Egg Harbor. An over arching Theme is "Green Homes and Jobs" for Door County. All offerings will promote the exchange of Green Living ideas for Door County residents and visitors. On Saturday, April 27th as part EDED our Committee will provide an opportunity for the Green Purchase Policy to be presented in a workshop on Green Consumerism / a highlighted crisis from the encyclical Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home..... recruitment of parishioners to assist are under way.

6. On April 28th, as part of "Every Day is Earth Day", Sunday eve, "5xP, Prayer, Prose, Poetry and Photography and Piano" will add a featured Movie, "The Man Who Planted Trees" to this Medley of Green Messages...help in chaperoning this event and offering one of the P elements will be appreciated...especially the Prayer / Christian messages, element, as a contribution from Stella Maris. This is to promote the adherence to the USA celebration of "Arbor Day", a long standing tradition that needs help with the destruction of our local stock of trees because of the Ash-bore infestation and impact of Climate Change on the make up of our native species and invading non-indigenous plant life harmful insects.

7. Tentative plans are underway to sponsor and take part in a "Green Tree Foster Care Sale" in conjunction with Arbor Day, April 26th, and part of "Every Day is Earth Day". We have learned that past years of voluminous planting done with the Schools have taught us that planted trees need nurturance (foster care) for 3 years to better assure Adoption and sustained care by Mother Earth. Can 2019 be a year to place indigenous green potted trees into the foster care of Stella Maris Parishioners? We will see, a lot of work to be done to move this into happening, help needed.

8. On Jan. 24th, On Care will send a representative to a community meeting on the Toxic effects of Coal Tar Pavement Sealants (for our Parish parking and roadways) at 6:00pm at the Crossroads at Big Creek. Kevin Revolinski, Stella Administration staff who has been assigned the "purchase" part of the Green Purchase Policy has been recruited to attend. This is a practical example how our Parish budget decision make decisions frequently, that can be publicized to the parishioners and public...how do we / can we consume / purchase with our daily lives....to meet the call to action requested by Pope Francis's Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home.

Thank you,
Wayne Kudick, Care for Our Common Home.