**“What If” Goals for Secular Franciscan Fraternities**

**Care of Creation**



* Whether we are comfortable with the science of climate change or not, all Franciscans cherish every creature as a brother or sister.
* **What if** Secular Franciscans *actively* encouraged care of creation among ourselves and others?
* **What if** we engaged youth and young adults on it?
* **What if** we impacted the world?

**“What If” Goal 1**

**Each year, choose at least one ongoing formation session or activity related to Care of Creation.**

*Examples:*

* Prayer sheets.
* Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon.
* Guided Rosary on Care of Creation.
* Meatless fasts.
* Feast of St. Francis Reflections (Catholic Climate Covenant)
* Laudato Si encyclical or summary.
* Reconciling God, Creation, and Humanity: An Ignatian Examen.
* Catholic Response on Global Warming booklet.
* Articles, books, study packets, for example Tau USA.
* Letter-writing or signing petitions.
* Recycling.
* Reducing carbon footprint.
* Fraternity carpooling.

**“What If” Goal 2**

**By the end of 2021, use your choice of activity to at least once engage youth or young adults on Care of Creation.**

*Examples:*

* Prayer services.
* Informational booths with church youth groups, schools, college campuses, retreats, etc.
* Recycling programs.
* Invitations to fraternity gatherings when Care of Creation is the topic.
* Community clean-up days.
* Letter-writing or signing petitions.
* Theology on Tap sessions.
* Fraternity members having individual conversations with young adults they know.
* Movies on care of creation.

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