




Embracing Ecological Stewardship

Synthesis of Our Journey as Laudato Si' University'

Summary of Our Accomplishments

Lessons We Learned in Implementing the Laudato Si' Act on Plan

As we reflect on the first year of San Beda University's journey as a Laudato Si' University, we gratefully remember having heard Pope Francis' clarion call to care for our common home addressed especially to us as a Catholic university born from the heart of the Church. The past year has been a significant step forward in living out this call, as we embraced our responsibility to contribute to environmental stewardship, sustainable development, and ecological transformation. Our collective efforts have been anchored in the seven areas of focus that guide our Laudato Si' Action Plan, ensuring that our work is both



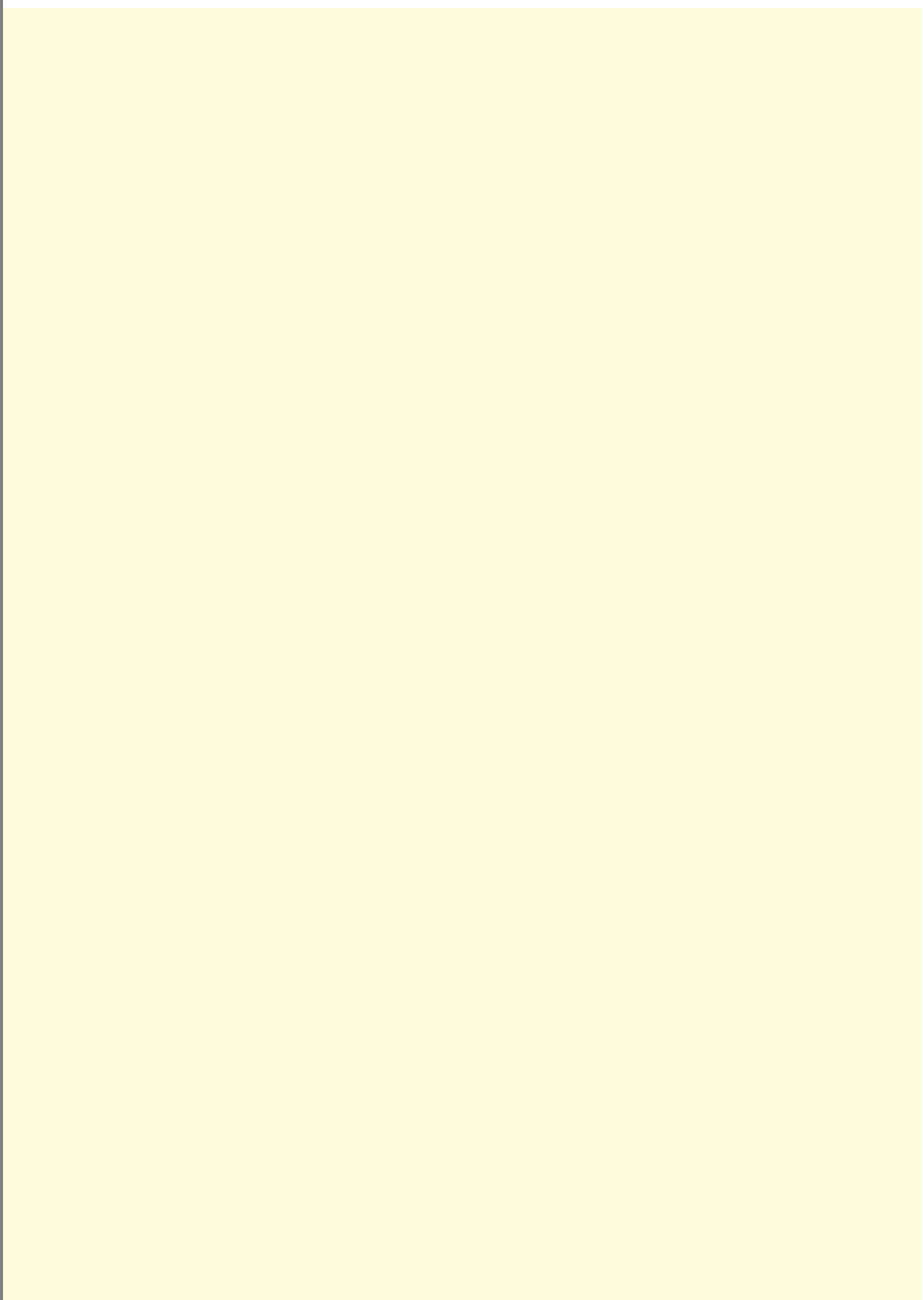
Equally vital to our mission has been the integration of ecological awareness into the heart of our institution. Through Greening Institutional Management Systems and the development of an Integrated Ecological Curriculum, we have ensured that sustainability is a core value in our academic and administrative practices. Environmental Sustainability Research, coupled with policy advocacy, has further strengthened our commitment to fostering a culture of solidarity and action for creation.

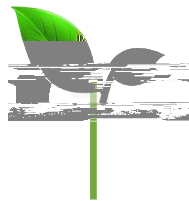
Finally, our efforts to cultivate an Integrated Ecological Spirituality and Transformative Lifestyle resonate deeply with our Catholic and Benedictine identity. We continue to engage our community in reflection and action, drawing upon the rich tradition of ecological consciousness that the Church advocates.

Our first anniversary as a Laudato Si' University, indeed, offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and recommit to our mission. It is a time to deepen our identity as a Laudato Si' University and to inspire others to join in the pilgrimage of hope that leads to the Jubilee Year of 2025 and beyond, marked by real and lasting change for a future where creation is cherished and protected for generations to come.

As we move forward, these accomplishments inspire us to deepen our commitment, recognizing that the journey to care for creation is both a spiritual calling and a practical responsibility.

SYNTHESIS





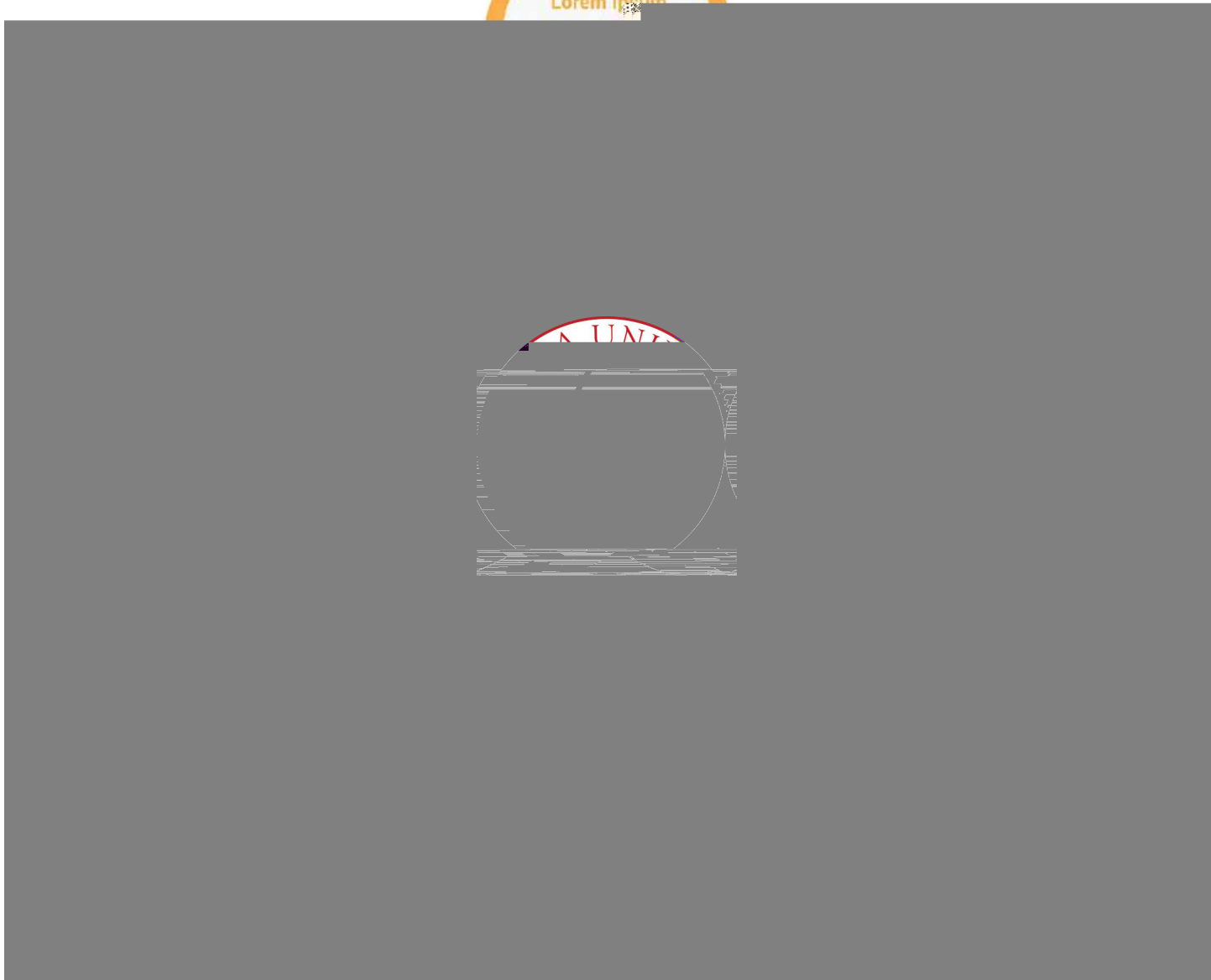
San Beda University's Laudato Si Act on Plan 2023-2024 was launched on October 24, 2023. It was also the commencement of the University's campaign towards embracing the principles of Laudato Si and becoming a Laudato Si University.

On the same occasion, the University formally submitted the Act on Plan in the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development through the official website of the Dicastery. To sustain the campaign, Laudato Si Circle of Discernment Sessions were conducted starting on September 18, 2023.

The primary objective of the activity was to deepen the understanding of the University administrators and faculty on the principles of Laudato Si. So that they can align the University's actions and programs with the said principles.



Since the inception of the Laudato Si Action Plan 2023 – 2024 on September 13, 2023 and the launching of San Beda University as a Laudato Si University on October 4, 2023, major institutional accomplishments have been made in the following Key Result Areas (KRAs) of Integral Ecological Education for our Common Home (Eco-Actions):





To increase the awareness of all stakeholders on the needs for waste segregation, the College of Law organized a symposium on "Green Justice: Addressing the Triple Planetary Crises through Laudato Si' and Legal Reform"



Aside from praying of the Angelus at noon and evening from Monday to Thursday, the University prayed for the 2023 Season of Creation every Friday. Academic units (i.e., IBED, CAS, CON, and GSB) administrators and faculty participated in the "Laudato Si' Circles of Discernment" organized by the Office of the Vice-President for Academics and facilitated by Fr. Ranzilio Aquino, Dean Jo Manabat, and Fr. Ricky Pacoma.

The College of Law organized the "One San Beda Laudato Si' Advocacy Fun Run on January 21, 2024, and the "Ride and Roar 2 – Lakbay para sa Kalikasan" on January 28, 2024. The proceeds of the activities will be used for the improvement of the Sabater Garden as a Laudato Si' garden. The waste segregation program, REFUSE (Single-use plastic products Program; and Paper Recycling Program) has been adopted.

6

Conduct the Laudato Si' Circle of Discernment for students, staff, and teachers.

Establish network with organizations that support Laudato Si' initiatives

Carry-out annual faith-based celebrations that commemorate the importance of Creation, integral ecology, and regeneration of spirituality.

Publication of Institutional Laudato Si' Manual

Launching of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Awareness Campaign (Uploading of campaign poster about Clean and Sustainable Energy in RedCanvas Portal, Bedan Research Journal Website)

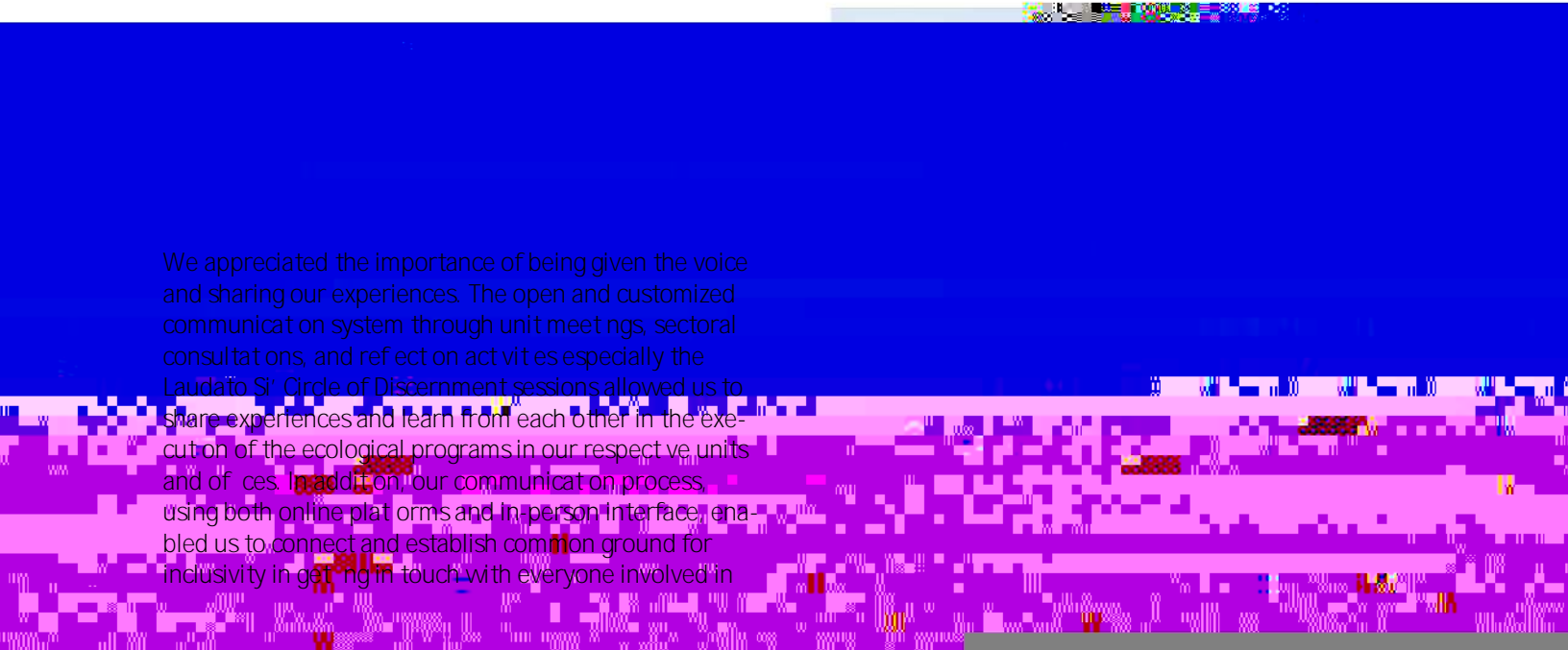
Participation in Annual International Coastal Clean-up

Establishment of partnership with an identified community for a collaborative engagement on environmental stewardship and social justice that will lead to an ecological transformation.

We are fully conscious that San Beda University as a Catholic Benedictine school is strongly dedicated to advancing the principles of integral ecology in caring for our common home. It is our shared promise to serve as champions of environmental stewardship, social justice, and sustainable practices.

After a year of implementing our operational plans – OPLAN TUGON AY2023-2024, we faced some challenges along the way such as inadequate financial resources, limited access to technical experts on clean and sustainable technologies, insufficient attention on ecological waste management, slow green growth, and a low level of awareness of other stakeholders about their role and responsibilities on integral ecology. Despite these obstacles, we determinedly became agile and reconfigured our strategies to address these impediments and rebound sensibly and enthusiastically as an academic community. Steadfast in responding to our challenges, we learned that we are





We appreciated the importance of being given the voice and sharing our experiences. The open and customized communication system through unit meetings, sectoral consultations, and reflection activities especially the Laudato Si' Circle of Discernment sessions allowed us to share experiences and learn from each other in the execution of the ecological programs in our respective units and offices. In addition, our communication process, using both online platforms and in-person interface, enabled us to connect and establish common ground for inclusivity in getting in touch with everyone involved in







That in all things God may be glorified

