

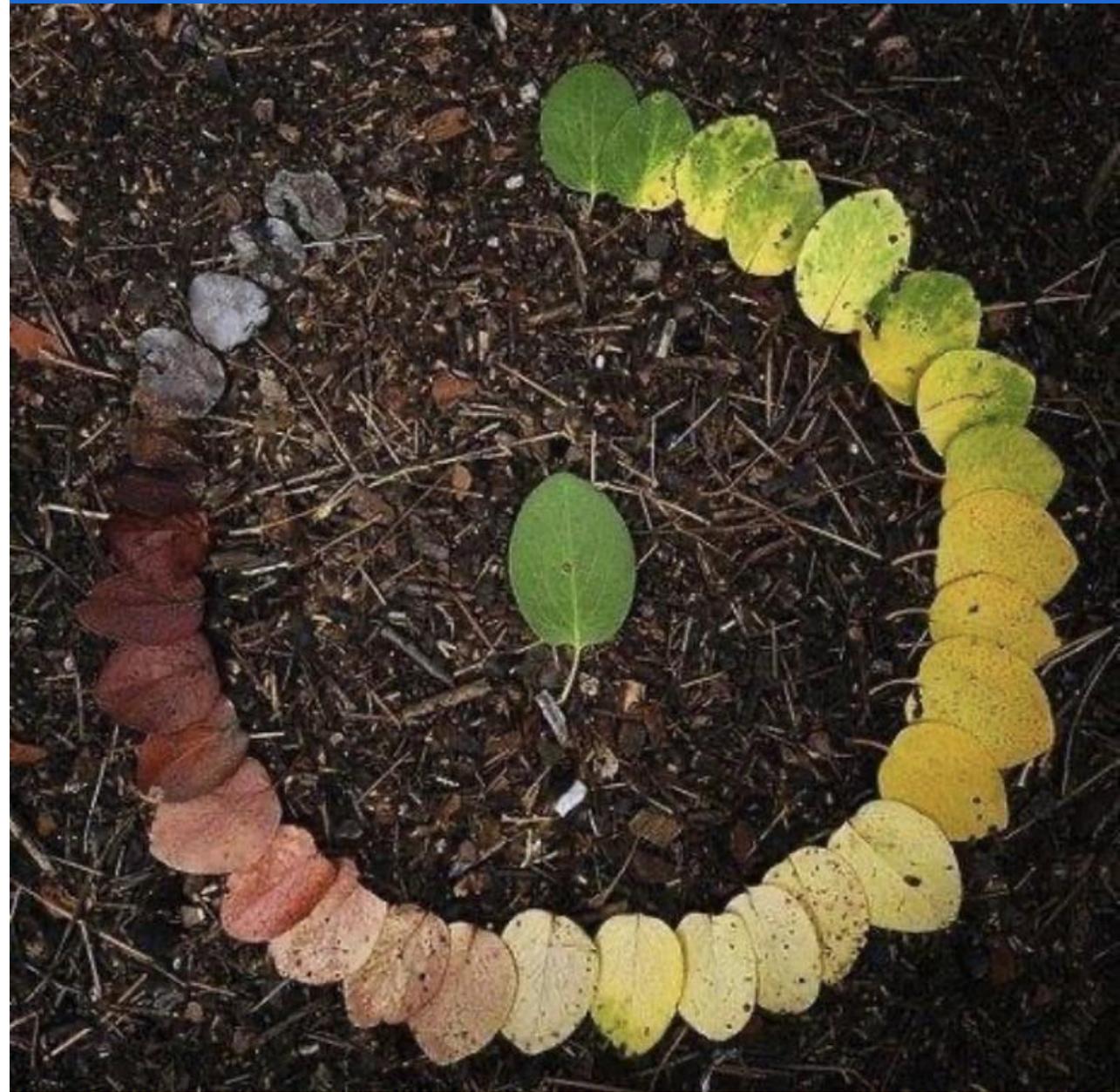
Laudato Si' Reflection

A journey towards full sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology



Ascension

Ascension is implementing the **Laudato Si' Action Platform** to express our **commitment to sustainability** and **connection to our Mission** to all associates.



Alignment with Laudato Si'

Ascension Environmental Impact Office



Net Zero Places

Built Environment
Renewable Energy
Mobility



Responsible Supply Chain

Sourcing
Waste
Clinical



Healthy Communities

Sustainability Team
A matrixed team that includes subject matter experts from across Ascension and its subsidiary organizations.

- Communications
- Governance and Reporting
- Data Management

Laudato Si' 7 Goals



Alignment with Laudato Si' 7 Goals

Laudato Si 7 Goals		Three Pillars of Work
Response to the Cry of the Earth	Equitably address climate change, biodiversity loss and ecological sustainability	Net Zero Places
Response to the Cry of the Poor	Global solidarity with special attention given to vulnerable groups	Healthy Communities
Ecological Economics	Acknowledges that the economy is sub-system of human society	Responsible Supply Chain
Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles	Grounded in the idea of sufficiency (living with just enough and not excess) to ensure a good life for all	Net Zero Place, Responsible Supply Chain, Healthy Communities
Ecological Spirituality	Encourages greater contact and connections with the natural world	Environmental Impact Office
Ecological Education	Need to re-think and re-design curricular and institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and action	Environmental Impact Office
Community Engagement and Participatory Action	Crucial to care for creation at local, regional, national and international levels	Healthy Communities

Environmental Sustainability

We will focus our activities in three primary areas:

- First, we will focus on our carbon footprint and the operational efficiency of our facilities, including sustainable transportation. Our goal is to be **net zero carbon emissions by 2040**.
- Second, we will focus on responsible purchasing. Our goal is to recycle 50% of non-hazardous waste from all our facilities by 2030 and be **zero waste by 2040**.
- And finally, the heart of our Environmental Impact work is about healthy communities. This work is **focused on the relationship between environmental sustainability and Social Determinants of Health**. Our goal is to walk alongside the individuals and communities most affected by climate change in an effort to improve their lives and livelihood — which is **at the core of our Mission**.

“We have to realize that 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.”

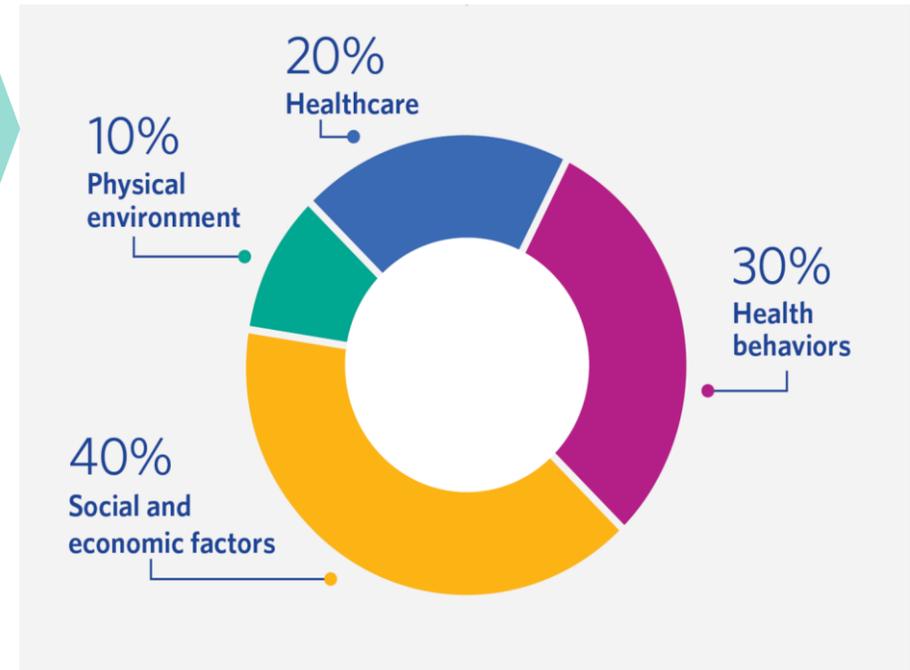
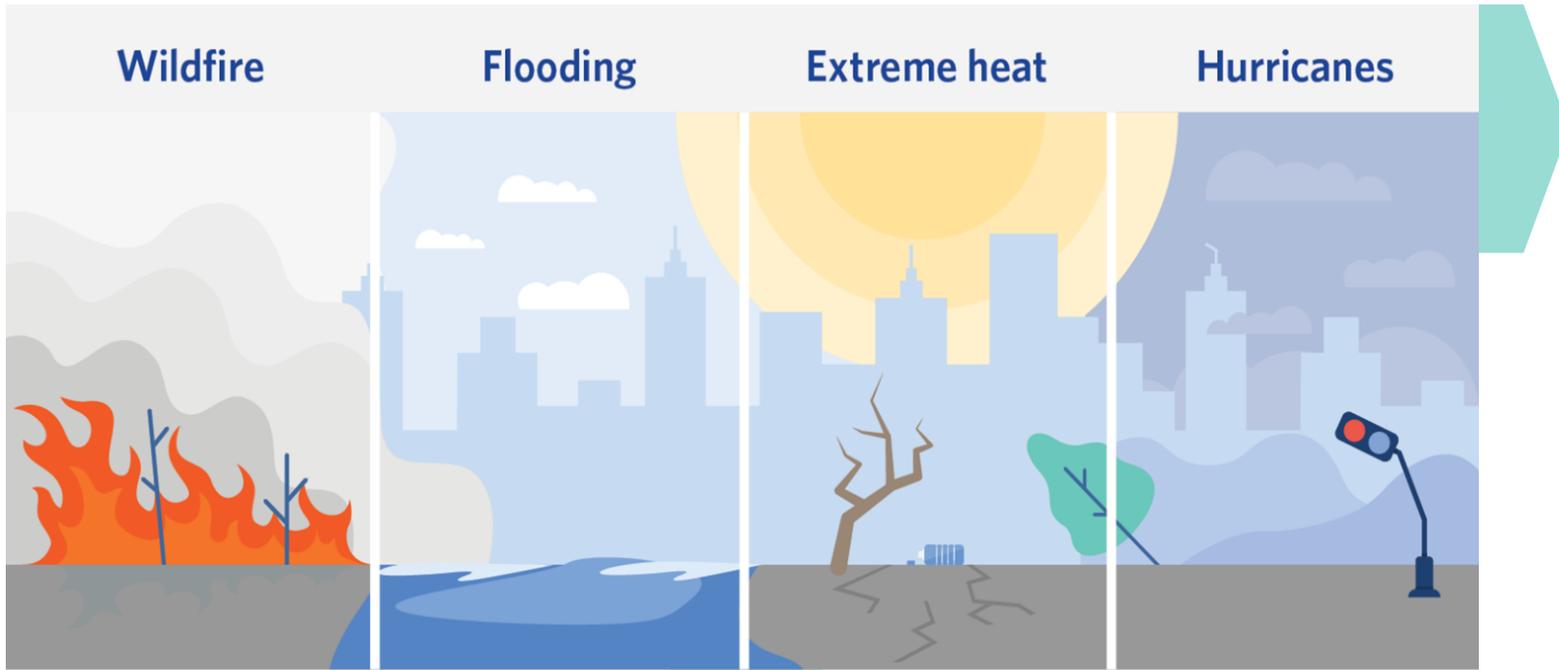
— His Holiness Pope Francis, Laudato Si’

Ascension is accomplishing this on a Systemwide and community level, leveraging Green Teams that have been established in all of our major sites of care.

This work has an inherent connection with Mission Integration, Ascension Catholic identity, and care of God’s creation.

Climate change impacts on the poor and vulnerable

The impacts of climate change are worsening and will profoundly affect the social determinants of health



Environmental Sustainability

"There are teams across our ministry doing critical work like leading recycling efforts and energy efficiency programs to improve sustainability within the four walls of our facilities. For this to be successful, we really need to harness the power of all 150,000 associates."

— Craig Cordola, MBA, MHA, FACHE, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Ascension

Craig Cordola at White House for Climate Pledge

