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Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to participate in a baseline survey which aims to take a snapshot of the *Laudato Si'* inspired activities; initiatives or projects implemented to date by Catholic organisations across Europe. It is being organised by the European *Laudato Si'* Alliance (ELSiA) which is a network of Catholic organisations working together to bring the encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, to life. For more information on ELSIA you are invited to visit [www.elsialliance.org](http://www.elsialliance.org)

The survey aims to identify the factors that enable us to engage with *Laudato Si'* as well as the obstacles. Drawing upon the recently launched *Laudato Si'* Action Platform it asks respondents to categorise their initiatives in one of seven *Laudato Si'* goals – see - [Laudato Si' Action \(laudatosiactionplatform.org\)](http://laudatosiactionplatform.org)

This baseline survey is being coordinated by Dr Mark Charlesworth (St Mary's University – Twickenham) who is an Expert Reviewer for the 2013-2014 Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change and has been a consultant to the United Nations Environment Programme. Dr Mark is also involved in the Guardians of Creation project, an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional research programme investigating the technical, sociological, organisational and theological paths to sustainable and ecologically sensitive change in the Catholic Church.

The survey is composed of 21 (twenty-one) questions, and it can be completed in 5 to 20 minutes as some questions are optional, and the pilot phase could be concluded in 3 to 4 weeks.

The ELSIA questionnaire can be accessed at this link: [Qualtricks | Links \(ucp.pt\)](#)

Yours sincerely, in Christ,

**+ Martin Hayes,**

**Bishop of Kilmore**

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