

The Journey to 2030

Introduction

The Journey to 2030 is a project run by the Charity *The Ecological Conversion Group* (The ECG). 'Ecological conversion', the key principle behind The ECG's work, is a commitment, inspired by faith, to change our lives to help heal the threefold rupture caused by sin, with God, with other human beings, and with the natural world.

The ECG was formed by Brothers John Paul and Edward de Quay and their good friend Ellie Margetts, who were encouraged by Pope Francis's encyclical letter: "Laudato Si'" and set to work to help the Church put it into practice.

The mission of The Journey to 2030 project is "to help our church communities to be the hubs of transformational change that we want to see in the world."

We are running workshops for deaneries to introduce 'Integral Ecology' (that all things are connected), and present various activities and tools to help rejuvenate and incorporate themes of social and environmental care into the community mission. We hope this will result in some exciting projects that aim to be beneficial to the life of the parish, our common home and all who live in it.

What it will involve



We will run two activities on the workshop day.

The first activity is called 'Let Us Dream' (<https://journeyto2030.org/let-us-dream/>). It recognises the need for us to be able to collectively imagine the future we want and share this dream with others. Recognising where we want to go is the first step of any journey.

Given the critical need for societal transformation in tackling our ecological and social crises, bringing hope in action, the key question is: **“What would you like your community to look like by the year 2030?”**

We will give the attendees some art materials to create masterpieces of imagination to help them put their dreams of a better future on paper and share with others.



The second activity will use and explore the ‘Building a Caring Community’ activity pack. The pack is a tool to inspire and enable us to include concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace in an integrated community response.

This ready-made resource can be used by parishes, schools, religious and other communities to use in a way that best suits them. By encouraging dialogue, communities can engage with the *Laudato Si'* goals. The pack links to the national Journey to 2030 project, allowing communities to be part of a long-term communal journey of reimagining our society.

<https://journeyto2030.org/poster-activity/>

The workshop’s aim is to give parishioners who attend the deanery day, to get together and gain the confidence to go back to their parishes and run these activities with their parish.

How long it will take?

The day will take approximately 4 hours.

Provisional agenda

- 30 min input
- 1 hr ‘Let Us Dream’ activity and sharing of ideas.
- 15 min input on the ‘Building a Caring Community’ activity pack and web resources.
- 1 hr supervised dummy run with activity packs.
- 15 minutes for parish groups to make plans.
- Allow 15 minutes for prayer and reflection.