



# ALL THINGS IGNATIAN

Celebrating Mission at Creighton University



## Office of Sustainability Programs

Guided by the principles of *magis*, truth, justice, and stewardship



### Why We Care

“Care for God’s creation is not a new component of Catholic identity. It is as old as Genesis, and must therefore be integral to the mission, identity and everyday life of Catholic colleges and universities.”

— Most Reverend William S. Skylstad (2001)

*Laudato Si’* (2015)

In his first encyclical, Pope Francis establishes the concept of integral ecology which emphasizes that there are not separate crisis: one social and one environmental. Rather, our humanity and our wellbeing is integrally connected with all of creation. We are all called to care for our common home.

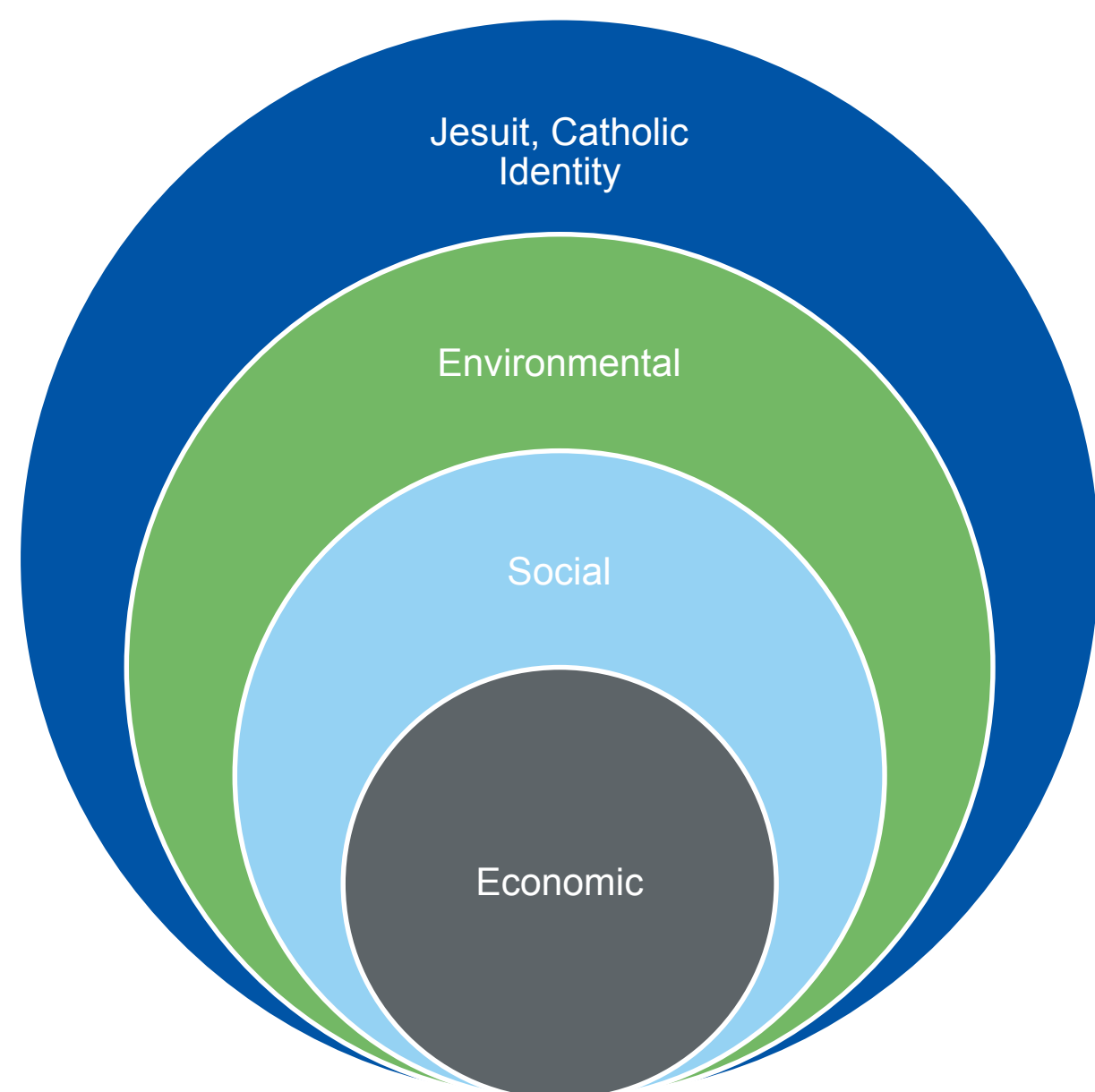


“All human beings share responsibility for care of creation.”

— Fr. General Arturo Sosa, SJ (2019)

### What is Sustainability?

Guided by our Jesuit, Catholic values and traditions, we pursue sustainability with a multi-dimensional approach of environmental, social, and economic perspectives.



At Creighton University, we recognize sustainability as a strategy to fulfill our moral responsibility to care for creation.

We follow the United Nations’ definition of meeting the needs and aspirations of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same (Our Common Future, 1987).

### Responding to the Call

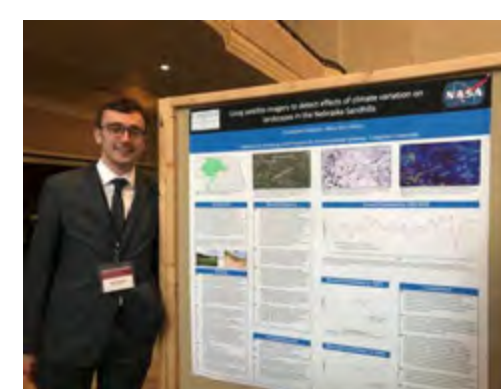
#### Climate Action Plan

In 2010, Fr. Schlegel signed the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). Signing ACUPCC committed Creighton to a climate neutral goal by 2050.



#### Academic Programs in the College of Arts & Sciences

Environmental Science, Sustainability Studies, and Justice & Peace Studies



#### Research

Nearly 20 faculty and staff in 9 different departments are engaged in sustainability research. Students have the opportunity to present their research at on-campus exhibitions and at regional, national, and global conferences.

#### Outreach & Engagement

- The Office of Sustainability Programs hosts annual and ongoing events that bring awareness about the environment and the human condition. These events help motivate and equip the Creighton community with tools for action and change. Feast of St. Francis, Campus Sustainability Month, Sustainability Forums, and Earth Month are some of our main events.
- Lectures that feature Creighton faculty as well as researchers and practitioners from all over the world are hosted by a variety of departments on campus.
- Guides for recycling, living a more sustainable lifestyle, and more are produced by the Office of Sustainability Programs and partners across campus.

#### Formation Experiences for Faculty and Staff

- The Office of Sustainability Programs presents during new employee orientations on the topic of caring for creation and how Creighton employees can advance sustainability on campus.
- “Climate Change: Faith, Hope, and Action” is a community orientation hosted by the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice and the Office of Sustainability Programs.
- Department/Division Presentations: The Office of Sustainability Programs offers presentations for all areas of campus that outline why we care about creation and sustainability at Creighton, what sustainability means, and how Creighton employees can make a difference at work and in their personal lives.

### Future Goals

#### AASHE STARS

Creighton earned a Bronze-level recognition in March 2018. The Office of Sustainability Programs has set a goal to achieve Silver by 2021.

#### Climate Neutrality

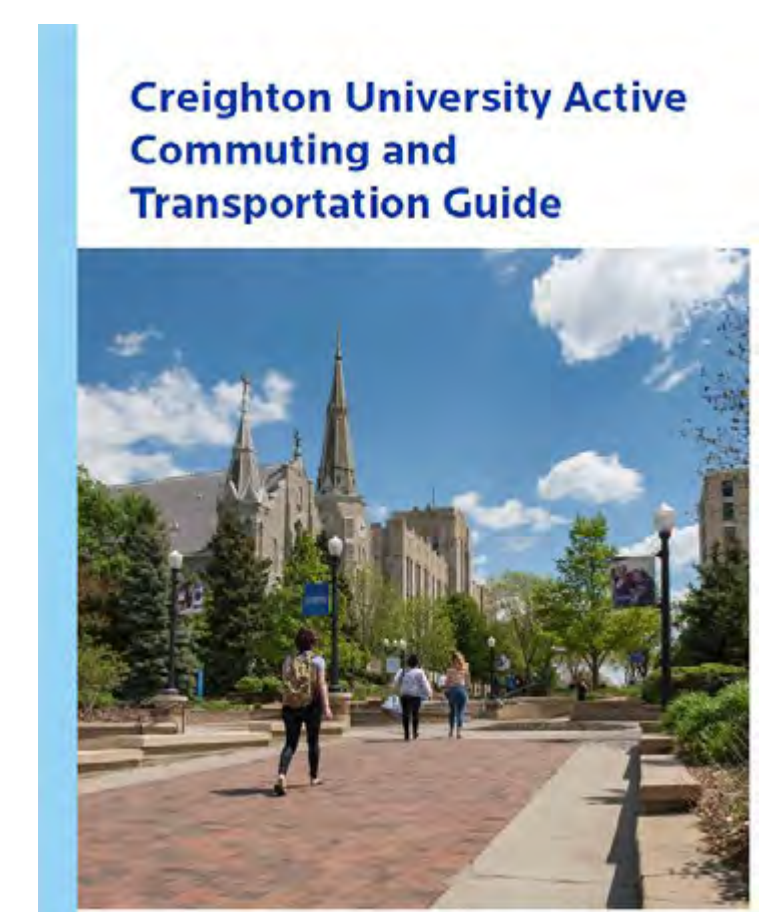
With the latest IPCC report and the U.S. 4th national Climate assessment, a climate neutrality goal of 2050 is no longer acceptable. The Office of Sustainability Programs would like to propose a more ambitious goal of climate neutrality by 2025 or 2028 (Creighton’s sesquicentennial).

#### Sustainability Competencies

The Office of Sustainability Programs is planning an assessment for baseline data and will then work with appropriate entities on campus to create opportunities to enhance the sustainability literacy, engagement, and competencies of students, faculty, and staff.

#### University Strategic Plan

Sustainability and caring for creation are featured in the Living Our Mission and Global Partnership goals.



MISSION WEEK