



Stewardship of Creation

Ecological Economics: Investment and Banking Tools for Parishes and Individuals

Did you know?: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) developed *Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines*. The most recent 2021 version outlines basic principles of investing and specific investment policies. Many dioceses, including our own, follow those policies. It is possible to apply them to parish and individual lives in our own banking and investment practices (read more about the guidelines at [https://www.usccb.org/resources/Socially%20Responsible%20Investment%20Guidelines%202021%20\(003\).pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Socially%20Responsible%20Investment%20Guidelines%202021%20(003).pdf)).

Banking and investing tools and companies

These websites and tools will help guide you in selecting banking options and investment choices which are committed to stewardship of creation, particularly by divesting from fossil fuels.

<https://laudatosimovement.org/bank-boycott/> - This tool through the Laudato Si' Movement rates your bank on evidence of investment in fossil fuels and other initiatives in caring about the environment

<https://bank.green/take-action> - bank.green not only provides some ideas of sustainable banks to make a switch, but also how to advocate and request that your banking institution make changes.

<https://catholicinvest.org/> - Catholic Investment Services offers divestments from fossil fuels, amongst other pillars of Catholic investing practices.

<https://cbisonline.com/us/> - Christian Brothers Investment Services, Inc. has been developing and moving towards divestment practices; you can learn more at <https://cbisonline.com/us/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/05/Divestment-Targeted-Fossil-Fuels.pdf>.

To learn more about ecological economics and how the diocese, parishes, and individuals can engage in best practices, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQTafSBLsCA> for an engaging one-hour webinar from Laudato Si' Platform on the topic.