



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE

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TO: All Youths in Archdiocese of Lilongwe

CC: Parish Priests, Deanery Youth Chaplains, Youth Patrons & Matrons

Dear all,

PROMOTION OF LAUDATO SI' AMONG THE YOUTH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE – DEANERY- LEVEL TRAINING SCHEDULE

The Lilongwe Archdiocese Youth Ministry wishes to inform all youths about the next phase of the *Promotion of Laudato Si' among the Youth in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe* initiative. Following a preliminary meeting involving the Deans, Deanery Youth Chaplains and Archdiocesan Youth Leadership, the project is now moving into the training phase, which will involve conducting training sessions across the deaneries.

The initiative seeks to promote awareness and practical action among young people on the care of our common home, in line with the teachings of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. As young Catholics, we are called to recognise our responsibility to protect the environment, use natural resources responsibly, reduce pollution and waste, and promote sustainable practices within our parishes, communities and the wider society.

Through these trainings, the Pastoral Department aims to equip young people with the knowledge, values and practical skills necessary to become responsible stewards of creation. The initiative will also encourage youths to take an active role in environmental protection and to develop activities that contribute to cleaner, healthier and more sustainable communities.

1. DEANERY-LEVEL TRAINING SCHEDULE

The training sessions will be conducted according to the following schedule:

No.	Deanery	Dates	Venue
1	Mchinji	22 nd – 23 rd October 2026	Mchinji Parish
2	Dowa	28 th – 29 th October 2026	Mtengo Wa Nthenga Parish
3	Salima	24 th – 25 th November 2026	Benga Parish
4	Madisi	26 th – 27 th November 2026	Madisi Parish

5	Mtima Woyera, Likuni and Namitete	18 th – 19 th December 2026	St. John's Parish
6	Maula and Kanengo	21 st – 22 nd December 2026	Maula Cathedral Parish

Any changes to the above schedule or additional information will also be communicated through the appropriate channels. For any further information concerning the venues and logistics, contact the Pastoral Department through Mr. Lloyd Chishambula at 0996251204.

2. PARISH YOUTH LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATION

Since the training will be conducted at deanery level, each parish is expected to have representation from its Parish Youth Leadership. The required number of representatives from each parish is six. Any further participation guidelines, will be communicated in due course.

All Parish Youth Leaders are therefore encouraged to remain attentive to official communications and to work closely with their Parish Priests, Deanery Youth Chaplains, Patrons and Matrons to ensure proper coordination and participation.

3. TRANSPORT, FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

All participants should take note of the following arrangements:

- **Transport:** Participants are responsible for making their own transport arrangements to and from the training venue.
- **Food:** Food will be provided at the training centre during the training period.
- **Accommodation:** Accommodation will also be provided at the training centre for the duration of the training.

Participants are encouraged to plan accordingly and make the necessary transport arrangements in good time to ensure their timely arrival and full participation in the sessions.

4. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INITIATIVE

The care of creation is an important part of our Christian responsibility. Through the Promotion of *Laudato Si'* Project, the Church reminds us that caring for the environment is closely connected to caring for human life, protecting the vulnerable and promoting the common good.

Young people have a particularly important role to play in this mission. By participating in these trainings, our youths will be encouraged to translate their faith into practical action through activities such as tree planting, proper waste management, environmental awareness campaigns and other locally appropriate initiatives.

The success of this project will depend on the commitment and active participation of our young people, as well as the support of Parish Priests, Deanery Youth Chaplains, Patrons, Matrons and all those involved in youth ministry. We therefore call upon all concerned to support this initiative and help ensure that the lessons learned during the trainings are put into practice within our parishes and communities.

5. CONCLUSION

We kindly ask all youths and parish youth leadership teams to take note of the training schedule and prepare for their respective deanery sessions. Parish Priests, Deanery Youth Chaplains, Patrons and Matrons are requested to assist in communicating this information and supporting the coordination of participants.

Let us work together to make the Promotion of *Laudato Si'* a meaningful and lasting initiative in our Archdiocese, inspiring young people to live out their Christian faith by caring for God's creation.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in this mission, and may our efforts contribute to the protection of our common home for present and future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

