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A Happy New Year for the Environment – No? Yes? Maybe!

I would like to wish all of you a **VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We leave the past and welcome a new year and move on to, hopefully, better things!

Well, this is wishful thinking for us who are concerned about the environment. Many people worked very hard, sometimes facing great difficulty, to keep our citizens and our country moving **forward** in previous years: fighting to limit coal mining; to protect our National Parks; to reduce greenhouse gases; to protect our lakes; to increase recycling, and reduce litter on highways, parks, and neighborhoods; to protect the farmers by employing paid seasonal workers; to welcome diversity stating equity for all; to assist the poor with affordable food and health care and to develop new technologies, such as wind and solar knowing Earth is a finite planet and realizing we should act responsibly. Now we are returning to old ideas because the new ones were supposedly made by perceived adversaries. So, what do we do now - go backward or forge ahead? Sometimes we erroneously say, “We can’t do anything about it” and stop there. I was always told, “You can’t put the toothpaste back in the tube,” at least not easily and without great frustration. So, with that little ditty, you push forward in any way you can without fear of retribution.

Here are some suggested New Year Resolutions to help us all do just that:

- Pray for peace. Strive for peace in your own families and work and houses of worship.
- Watch some documentaries on TV about the wonders of the planet.
- Write to your elected officials to express your ideas. Letters DO count!
- Send energy of the noosphere, God’s gift, to environmental workers everywhere.
- Enroll children in magazines like *Ranger Rick* and *Highlights for Children*. Enroll yourself in one, too, like *Sierra*, *National Wildlife* or *National Parks* etc.
- Get outside to explore Nature’s beauty in any season.
- Invite someone to join S.A.V.E. or drop your own renewal in the mail (Hint! Hint!)
- Approach a business and see if they could be a S.A.V.E. Corporate Sponsor.
- Attend the S.A.V.E. lectures or others in the city dealing with integral ecology.
- Take your children to Imagination Station, the Toledo Zoo, or the Great Lakes Museum.

Folks, this is how we move **forward**. I am saying this to myself, too! Maybe 2026 will be brighter for you and for us, too!

Sister Rosine Sobczak, OSF
S.A.V.E. President

S.A.V.E. was established in August 1990 by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to make a difference and promote a love and appreciation for our natural world. It is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

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Financial Report

Five Corporate Sponsors have not yet renewed their membership but we have welcomed a new Sustaining Corporate Sponsor (The Anastasia Fund). Individual memberships have good and bad news. Thirty-four have renewed membership from last year but sixteen have not. We also have five new members. For those who have not paid yet please do so via PayPal or check or cash. We continue to receive a number of donations and memorials which have now become an important source of funds for S.A.V.E. Syrup is no longer available for sale and honey sales have dropped off. The latest report from the third quarter of 2025 showed year to date sales at 17 percent of the total of last year when we should be at 35 percent.



This financial report details the period ending 12/31/25.

-David Sobczak, Treasurer



PayPal Fees

While S.A.V.E. truly appreciates all members who pay their dues renewal and donations online using PayPal, we are asking for your help to cover the fees that PayPal charges us for each transaction. This fee ranges from 9 to 4 percent, depending on the size of the transaction. If you are able to pay a greater amount to cover these fees, it will allow S.A.V.E. to receive the full amount you intended to pay after the fees are deducted.

Use the table below as a guide to determine the amount to pay:

<u>INTENDED PAYMENT</u>	<u>ACTUAL PAYMENT TO COVER FEE</u>
\$10.00	\$11.00
\$20.00	\$22.00
\$30.00	\$32.00
\$100.00	\$105.00
\$200.00	\$210.00

To help S.A.V.E. avoid fees, you can always send your payment via check or give cash or check to a Board member at a lecture or other method. Thank you for your cooperation.

-David Sobczak, Treasurer

So Many Ways to Support S.A.V.E.!

Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards

Kroger reported a \$11.23 reward balance for S.A.V.E. so far. It isn't much but every dollar counts. Don't forget to sign up for Kroger Community Rewards! This won't cost you anything and it will help S.A.V.E. Customers must have a free, registered Kroger rewards card account to participate. Go to www.kroger.com. Log in to your Kroger account and go to the bottom of the page. Under the COMMUNITY title see COMMUNITY REWARDS. Search for SCIENCE ALLIANCE FOR VALUING THE ENVIRONMENT either by name or HQ539 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card. Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards card, SAVE will receive a contribution from Kroger.



-David Sobczak

Buy Local Honey

All Good Things Art & Gifts on the campus of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania sells pure honey (\$11) produced by our community partner, Nature's Health Food. A portion of the proceeds go to support S.A.V.E. Call the store directly at 419-824-3749 for current hours.



Photo courtesy Jimages Inc.

Welcome, New Members!

- Lucy Dupes, Toledo**
- Felicia Chiu, Chicago**
- Sandy Gratop, Sylvania**
- Marcy Kaptur, Toledo**
- Mechelle Zarou, Toledo**

**JOIN S.A.V.E.
TODAY!**

Members receive a quarterly newsletter, fliers for upcoming lectures and events, announcements concerning local opportunities, scholarship opportunities and more. Fill out the application on page 12 or [submit your application online today!](#)

Save the Date!

May 9, 2026

Eco-Fest Toledo, Glass City Metropark, Toledo

May 28, 2026

Guest Speaker, Dan Misleh, Founder/Executive Director of Catholic Climate at Covenant, Washington D.C.
Pope John the XXIII Parish, Perrysburg

July 8, 2026

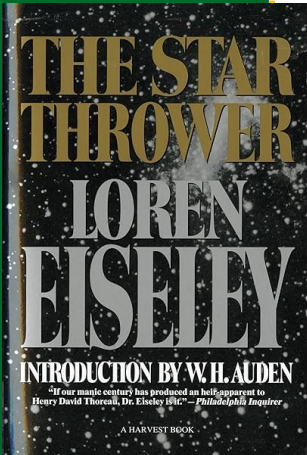
Eco-Tour to Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton, MI

More information coming in the spring newsletter or sooner as details become available!

Earth Saints

Loren Eiseley

Bone Hunter/Prophet



Writer/naturalist/scientist/scholar **Loren Eiseley** – like Henry David Thoreau, to whom he’s often compared — continues to defy easy categorization decades after his death in 1977. Born in Nebraska at the beginning of the 20th century to a traveling salesman father and a deaf, self-taught prairie artist mother, young Loren would have been an outsider by inclination even without the unsettled family background that both haunted and sustained him all his life.



Most revered for his many books — *The Night Country*, *All the Strange Hours* (autobiography) and *The Star Thrower* among them — Eiseley applied his formidable powers of observation to the natural world. His scientist’s eye, though, was always overlaid with a poet’s sensibility, and with what one critic noted as the realm of otherness. “In essay after essay,” says Richard Wentz, professor of religious studies, “he writes as a magus, a spiritual master or a shaman who has seen into the very heart of the universe and shares his healing vision with those who live in a world of feeble sight. We must learn to see again, he tells us; we must rediscover the true center of the self in the otherness of nature.”

Two passages from Eiseley’s works highlight his special relationship with the otherness that can be fairly translated as spirituality:

“I am treading deeper and deeper into leaves and silence. I see more faces watching, non-human faces. Ironically, I who profess no religion find the whole of my life a religious pilgrimage.” (*All the Strange Hours*)

“The religious forms of the present leave me unmoved. My eye is round, open, and undomesticated as an owl’s in a primeval forest – a world that for me has never truly departed.” (‘The Old One,’ poem)

In these days of environmental distress, revisiting Loren Eiseley’s writings can be both bracing and a balm. Experiencing him for the first time? Lucky you!

-Cynthia Nowak

Card program reduces waste and spread kindness

Kindness in Sylvania is alive and well -- and sending out ripples into the greater Toledo area. The Sylvania Senior Center (SSC) has a new community give-back program called **Cards of Kindness**. It began in the fall when an anonymous lady brought a large carton to the SSC filled with beautiful, creative hand-made greeting cards. Her deceased friend had made them and she wondered whether they could be utilized for anything. The staff present at this synchronistic delivery included a volunteer who was involved in the Secret Angel Society. As she explained it to the staff, they adopted the idea under the name Cards of Kindness. The purpose of both program/projects is to address the loneliness epidemic – one card at a time. Greeting cards are written, signed and delivered to those marginalized, forgotten or isolated in our area. Some have gone to rehabilitation short-term care facilities; nursing homes and assisted care centers; St. Vincent DePaul Society clients; a prison ministry; chaplains; activity directors; and most recently to Cherry Street Mission clients through Cookies for Better.



The hand-made cards donated last fall were the start of the SSC program and since then, members of it have additionally donated other cards. The Cards of Kindness group meets once per month (so far) and gathers to write in and on the cards – and in some cases repair or make new ones. The program is evolving and did its first distribution for Christmas 2025. One-hundred-seventy-two cards were completed one afternoon and given to the program director for distribution!

The cards are being redirected, used and put into circulation, said Theresa Rose Keller, a S.A.V.E. member. Landfill trash is being reduced and many people who need to know that someone cares about them are being touched and uplifted. This is likewise giving a sense of purpose and a “feel good” to the signers of the cards. Does this all make the world a better place? YES!!!!

-Theresa Rose Keller, S.A.V.E. Member and Program Volunteer

IMPORTANT: S.A.V.E. Weather Policy

In case of inclement weather during the year, please look for an email from the S.A.V.E. office for directives, especially for lecture attendance. If you have concerns, email save@lourdes.edu. Please do not call the office as I will be communicating from home. Thanks! -Sr. Rosine Sobczak OSF



A call for Co-sponsors and Partners



Dear Members,

We need your help! We now have our new Strategic Plan 2026-2031 in place. In order to grow this organization, we need to expand our horizons. We are looking for additional groups that care for the environment and want to spread the message. We are living in very uncertain times and our Earth is at risk on many fronts. (*See Page 1)

Do you know of a company or a business that might be a co-sponsor possibility for \$100 annually – perhaps your place of work or another entity you frequent?

Do you know of a group that we could contact about being a partner by assisting us as needed? For example, by donating money to bring in special speakers, offering food or supplies when we have a gathering or partnering with us for special events through monetary or in kind gifts?

Please forward your ideas to save@lourdes.edu. Better yet, contact these persons or businesses directly yourself. This is how you could be a tremendous help for S.A.V.E., because we can't do it alone! Our Board members are already stretched, so your help will be very much appreciated! A [corporate sponsorship application](#) is also available on our website.

-Sr. Rosine Sobczak OSF, S.A.V.E. President

S.A.V.E. now accepting scholarship applications!

Do you know a high school senior who plans to pursue college studies related to the environment and care for the earth? S.A.V.E. is offering two scholarships for high school seniors in the amount of \$1,000 each. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a graduating senior in Northwest Ohio or Southeast Michigan.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited college or university for 2026.
- Must have an educational plan to major in an environmental studies program, an environmental science program, or any course of study in which the environment and care for Earth could play an integral part.
- Must complete and submit the application and original essay by the April 13 deadline.
- Applications will be accepted between February 2 and April 13, 2026.

Visit the S.A.V.E. website for the [application form](#) and details at www.sciencealliancesave.org.

Be a S.A.V.E. Eco-Awards Detective!

S.A.V.E. offers awards annually for individuals or groups that are exemplary in showing integral ecology, sustainability and/or spirituality for the benefit of society in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. These awards are usually given annually in May during the Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception. There are nine categories for these awards. Do you know an individual or group that deserves an award? Please let us know by emailing save@lourdes.edu! The S.A.V.E. Board will consider them for this year or next year.

Eco-Service Award

This Award honors both S. A.V.E. members and non-members who have devoted time and energy above and beyond the ordinary for this organization. The recipient must be someone who is presently not holding an office in S.A.V.E.

Eco-School Award - Elementary

This Award honors a school (Pre-School, Kindergarten or Elementary) that promotes an understanding and respect for the environment throughout the entire student body.

Eco-School Award - Secondary

This Award honors a school (Junior High, High School or Higher-Ed) that promotes an understanding and respect for the environment throughout the entire student body.

Eco-Educator Award – Elementary

The Award honors a teacher who promotes students' enjoyment, understanding, and respect for the environment. Any person who works with this level of children in a formal or informal educational setting is eligible for this award.

Eco-Educator Award – Secondary/Higher Ed

The Award honors a teacher who promotes students' enjoyment, understanding, and respect for the environment. Any person who works with this level of student in a formal or informal educational setting is eligible for this award.

Eco-Friend of the Environment Award

This Award is given to honor an individual or group that promotes understanding and respect for the environment in their sphere of influence.

Eco-Community Award

This Award honors a company, city, or larger group that promotes an understanding and respect for the environment among its constituents and exemplifies spreading its influence for a larger circle of relationships locally, state-wide, nationally or internationally.

Community Building Award

This Award honors those activities involving local and/or regional community building and sustainability that are aligned with various areas of the Earth Charter and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Eco-Faith Community Award

This Award honors a formal or informal faith community that promotes understanding and respect for the environment among its constituents or members.

A tour of the universe — without leaving



Top: Dr. Rupali Chandar of the University of Toledo (UT) Department of Physics and Astronomy; Bottom: Lecture participants had a chance to use the sky for some immersive homework assignments. (Photos courtesy of Jimages Inc.)

To a casual observer, it might have looked like a conference room, but thanks to S.A.V.E. lecture presenter Dr. Rupali Chandar of the University of Toledo (UT) Department of Physics and Astronomy, the Nov. 11 venue at the Franciscan Center became a starship headed out to the edge of the known universe.

She began by emphasizing the powers of an astronomical tool that's she's been able to tap for her own work: the James Webb Space Telescope. She's been able to use its extraordinary abilities — far exceeding those of its predecessor Hubble — to probe the universe in new ways. That includes the visual: because the Webb utilizes infrared viewing rather than the visible light sensed by Hubble, the Webb opens new vistas that had been previously obscured by cosmic dust.

Chandar noted how deeply UT's physics and astronomy faculty members are involved in supporting the mission of the Space Telescope Science Institute — which runs both Hubble and the Webb — by advising on new directions, optimizing scientific output and awarding funding.

Her own research has advanced in new directions thanks to viewing time she was awarded on the Webb.

To help the audience understand the immensity of space that's the daily currency of astronomers, she shared an animated virtual tour of the universe covering its 13.7-billion-year age. As familiar stars and relatively nearby galaxies gave way to distant objects, she offered the reminder that the universe is a time machine, thanks to the speed of light: the further the distance we see visually, the further back in time we go. "The James Webb lets us see light from 13 billion years ago, just a short time after the Big Bang," she said. "We're seeing galaxies when they were young, their stars still coalescing. Maybe seeing the first stars ever born in the universe is the next step, we hope."

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The Webb opens the universe more than visually; it's detected traces of methane and carbon dioxide — known building blocks of life — on a nearby exoplanet a mere 120 lightyears away. News of more such discoveries are likely to be released soon, she says.

Chandar segued into her particular interest in NGC628, also known as the Phantom Galaxy (pictured on a stamp recently issued by the U.S. Postal Service). Within that galaxy is the Phantom Void, the largest “hole” of darkness in all known galaxies. She was readying her team to use their remaining time on the Webb to take measurements that could determine the void's origins.

As a key member of PHANGS (Physics at High Angular Resolution in Nearby GalaxieS) Survey, she'll continue studying dozens of galaxies resembling our Milky Way Galaxy. Despite the scale involved in her research, she never loses sight of a salient fact: what makes up galaxies and stars also ultimately makes up us, and all known life. She closed the exhilarating evening with an update of Carl Sagan's famous “star stuff” quote, by Neil deGrasse Tyson: “Not only are we in the Universe, the Universe is in us.”

-Cynthia Nowak



MISS A LECTURE?

A recording of this and other previous lectures may be viewed on our [YouTube Channel](#) or on the [S.A.V.E. website](#).

S.A.V.E. teams up with Lourdes Lifelong Learning

As was mentioned in Fall , S.A.V.E. and Lourdes University Lifelong Learning formed a collaborative effort to make learning enjoyable and educational for people of all ages. No degree is needed, but an eagerness to learn is the key and these programs offer just that. You will get the Lifelong Learning Spring Calendar opportunities only once and each season you will get the new one. This way your email will not be cluttered. Look for it in your email soon.

This spring three S.A.V.E. Board Members will be presenting classes.

- **Thoreau at Walden and in Civil Disobedience** by Cynthia Nowak: 9:30-11:00 A.M. Wednesdays, March 4-25 (five weeks)
- **Silk Scarf Painting** by Sr. Sharon Havelak OSF: 1:00-3:00 PM Thursdays, April 9-30 (four weeks)
- **Exploring the New Cosmic Creation Story** by Sr. Rosine Sobczak OSF: 10:00-12:00 PM, April 29 and May 6 (two Wednesdays).

There are classes for one session and some that are held for more weeks. There are also travel opportunities and HOT TOPIC single day sessions. Some programs are free while others have a fee. Check them out! You won't be disappointed! For more information, call 419-824-3829 or visit the [Lifelong Learning website](#).

-Sr. Rosine Sobczak OSF

S.A.V.E. and Lifelong Learning teaming up for Eco-Tour

Have you ever seen Eco-Tourism advertised and thought, “Sounds nice, but it’s so far away and so expensive! We have wonderful natural areas nearby!” We are pleased to announce that S.A.V.E. and Lourdes University Lifelong Learning are teaming up to give you opportunities to experience these wonders. Mark your calendar for July 8, our first Eco-Tour to [Hidden Lake Gardens](#) in the Irish Hills of Michigan.



Just an hour away, Hidden Lake Gardens is a 755-acre botanical, arboretum, and a canopy skywalk operated by Michigan State University. From the comfort of our bus, we will view various plant collections, forested areas and gardens, and the hidden lake. Our tour guide will be Paul Pfeifer, Managing Director of the Gardens. We will visit the Conservatory, which includes the Tropical, Arid and Temperate biomes. Adjacent to the Conservatory is the Bonsai Courtyard. A nearby local restaurant will host our lunch.

You can hear Paul Pfeifer at our April 21 S.A.V.E. lecture in person, on ZOOM, or with the online meeting recording. Look for the [Lourdes Lifelong Learning](#) summer catalogue to sign up for the eco-tour, or contact their office at 419-824-3829. Of course, you can always visit the gardens on your own.

Strategic Plan Update

In fall 2025, the Board Members of S.A.V.E. consulted on the new organizational Strategic Plan that could serve as a five-year planning document that would start January 2026. Before creating this new plan, members thought it important to consider what was accomplished under the former Strategic Plan of 2020-2025 and to make necessary adjustments.

The following are areas of strategic focus under consideration by the board:

- Building relationships
- Building networks
- Expanding identity and outreach
- Innovate Programming
- Implement planning for sustainability

-John Krochmalny

Toledo Repair Café Dates

Toledo Repair Café is a multifaith ministry in which volunteers offer **FREE** assistance to individuals with items in need of repair.

Upcoming Dates:
(10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Jan. 31
Heatherdowns Branch Library

Feb. 28
Oregon Branch Library

March 28
Sylvania Branch Library



-John Krochmalny

Memorials & Tributes

In Loving Memory

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Mary Jo Jerzykowski


In Tribute

The Noosphere
Sandy Gratop


Commemorative Donations Memorials and Tributes


Celebrate someone's special occasion in Tribute or Memory of a person or loved one by protecting the environment in their name.


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The Role of Hydrogen in a Sustainable Future:

An Overview of Production, Delivery, Uses, and Required Workforce

UN Sustainability Goal #7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 • 7:30 - 9:00 PM (ET)
Franciscan Center Board Room

Hydrogen can be a valuable tool for the reduction of carbon emissions in chemicals production, heavy industry, and transportation. In this presentation, Professor Mason will briefly overview the national and regional hydrogen economy, and discuss efforts to assess hydrogen-related workforce needs in Ohio and Michigan and to develop appropriate training, certification, and academic programs to address these needs.

Dr. Mark Mason is Professor of Chemistry and former Director of the School of Green Chemistry and Engineering at the University of Toledo. His research and scholarly activities focus on sustainable chemistry, catalytic materials, and the development of hydrogen-related workforce training programs. Prior to joining the University of Toledo, Mark was a postdoctoral associate with Professor Andrew Barron at Harvard University (1991-1993) and an Assistant Professor at the University of Louisville (1993-1998). He received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University with Professor John G. Verkade (1991) and his B.S. in Chemistry from Bowling Green State University.



Dr. Mark Mason,
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*Department of Chemistry
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The University of Toledo*

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2025-2026

FREE Public Lecture Series

All presenters are **(LIVE)** and **on ZOOM** held in the Board Room in the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH.

For ZOOM Links go to www.sciencealliancesave.org/events/calendar.

September 9, 2025 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **(Tuesday)**

“The Green Ribbon Initiative (GRI) and the Oak Openings.”

By: Matty Watkins and Rick Bryan, both UT graduates with a Bachelors in Art Education and years in Environmental Education.

➤ UN Sustainability Goal #4: Quality Education.

November 11, 2025 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **(Tuesday)**

“The James Webb Space Telescope: A New Frontier in Understanding the Formation of Galaxies.”

By: Dr. Rupali Chandar, PhD, Department of Physics and Astronomy, The University of Toledo.

➤ UN Sustainability Goal #9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure.

January 20, 2026 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **(Tuesday)**

“The Role of Hydrogen in a Sustainable Future: An Overview of Production, Delivery, Uses and Required Workforce.”

By: Dr. Mark Mason, PhD, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The University of Toledo.

➤ UN Sustainability Goal #7: Affordable and Clean Energy.

March 24, 2026 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **(Tuesday)**

“ Environmental and Climate Justice in 2025: Challenges and Opportunities for Environmental Justice Advocacy”.

By: Dr. Nicholas Schroeck, PhD., Dean, Professor of Law University of Detroit Mercy, School of Law

➤ UN Sustainability Goal #13: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

April 21, 2026 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. **(Tuesday)**

“Hidden Lake Gardens: The Gem of Michigan’s Irish Hills”.

By: Paul Pfeifer, Managing Director of Hidden Lake Gardens, Michigan State University.

➤ UN Sustainability Goal #15: Life on Land.



S.A.V.E. Membership Application

2025-2026

Membership is from September 1st of current year to August 31st of following year.

Please complete the following application and mail to: S.A.V.E., Inc. Lourdes University 6832 Convent Blvd. Sylvania, Ohio 43560. Application may also be completed online at www.sciencealliancesave.org. Dues may be paid [online via Paypal](#) or by check made payable to S.A.V.E. Inc.

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- Family Membership \$30.00
- Corporate Member ** \$100.00 (please include a high resolution logo (.jpg., gif, .png, etc.)
- Sustaining Member \$200.00

Members receive a quarterly newsletter, fliers for upcoming lectures, events and scholarships, volunteer opportunities and more.

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An Educational Consortium for
Environmental Sustainability

VISION STATEMENT

S.A.V.E. is a catalyst for individual and community action for sustainability.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Science Alliance for Valuing the Environment (S.A.V.E.) fosters a personal awareness and respect for the interrelatedness of ecology, spirituality and sustainability. S.A.V.E. creates formal and informal life-long learning opportunities in collaboration with organizations at all levels — local, national and global. S.A.V.E.'s activities are designed to empower individuals to values-based action for a just and sustainable world.

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S.A.V.E. CALENDAR

Jan. 20, 2026

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Hidden Lake Gardens: The Gem of Michigan's Irish Hills

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Solar Panels rise at Lourdes University



On Earth Day 2025, the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania announced a solar canopy project, a solar carport in one of the Lourdes University parking lots. The largest solar energy project in Sylvania, it is just one of initiatives of the Sisters' seven-year commitment to implement the call to care of creation in Pope Francis' *Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home*. Construction of the carport began in summer, but was delayed by weather problems this fall.