Committing to Change: Exploration of Sustainability Efforts at Sacred Heart Cathedral

"We believe that education is a fundamental, powerful and productive resource for the care of the Earth and the defense of the habitat where life can flourish and sustain itself"

–Declaration on the Lasallian Educational Mission

Hannah Reese
Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep.

From Plans to Action

Grounding

Inspired by changing technology and implications for environment

Animated by Lasallian charism and our context in the heart of San Francisco

Plans

Independently research, develop, and propose 2-3 practices

Draft a plan for implementing those proposals by the entire community

Focus: Sustainability *and* Visibility

Reality

Reshaped into a communal project where I facilitate

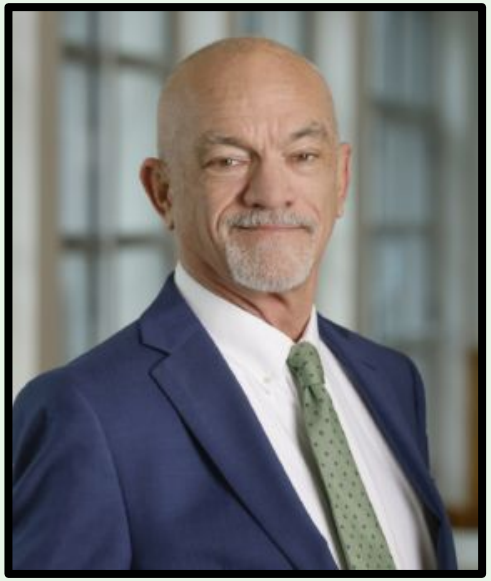
Gather and discuss ideas from various community members

Combine our ideas and propose action

Community Wisdom

Dr. Alicia Tapia
Director of Library Services

Digital “spring cleaning” and reduction efforts



Mr. Eric Keith
Director of Campus Operations

Long-term goal: solar energy

Ms. Katie Worster
SHCP Class of 2026

SHC sustainability policy & strategic plan commitment

Increased education about impacts of AI

(especially data centers)

- Water consumption
- Electronic waste
- Energy and emissions
- Minerals and rare element mining

“Daily Unplug”

- Build into school day routine
- Lights, fans, air purifiers, standing desks, classroom technology, etc.

“AI’s energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions are significant, with more sophisticated models, such as large language models (LLMs), driving a significant increase in energy use”

–United Nations Environment Programme

Timeline & Goals

Currently
Planning

In communication with Ms. O'Neill, Assistance Principal for Academics

Will remain in conversation with Interim APA and new Director of Learning innovation

2026-2027
Implementing (hopefully)

August 2026: Start inbox cleanout and education efforts

26-27 Academic Year:
Involve community
Update daily routines
Invite collaboration

Down the Road
Expanding

Goals and Next steps

Strategic Plan updates

Movement toward solar panels

Continued growth through community contributions