

Dominican Sisters and Associates of Racine, Wisconsin Response to the Call for Ecological Conversion

"From the beginning we have been created and commissioned by God to live interdependently in harmony with the whole of the cosmos by caring for one another and all creation. To honor this common good in truth and therefore in justice is the way to the fullness of life." - Racine Dominican Constitution, Paragraph 1

As a congregation, we embrace the Laudato Si' Movement, and commit ourselves to the sevenyear journey towards living ever more deeply our commitment to an integral ecological approach that focuses on our understanding that everything is interconnected.

Our journey will be guided by the seven goals of Laudato Si':

Response to the Cry of the Earth – a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all;

Response to the Cry of the Poor—taking seriously the groaning of our ecology and humanity;

Ecological Economics – prioritizing people and the planet over profits;

Simple Lifestyle – minimizing the use of resources and energy, supporting simple and sustainable living attainable for all;

Ecological Education – increasing awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone;

Ecological Spirituality – being open to interior conversion and awareness of the interconnectedness of all life;

Community Engagement and Participatory Action – caring for creation at the local, regional, national and international level by promoting advocacy and grassroots campaigns.

On this journey we, the Dominican Sisters and Associates of Racine, Wisconsin will join with all others of good will as we live out our mission, *Committed to Truth, Compelled to Justice,* dedicated to re-establishing right relationships between the human community and the Earth community.

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