



1922 100 YEARS IN ORANGE 2022

Laudato Si' Action Platform Reflection

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, as apostolic women religious, are engaged in unifying all people with God, with one another, and with all of creation through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, proclaiming God's love in our beautiful, yet wounded world.

Animated by the Gospel message of Jesus and our charism of Unity and Reconciliation we unite ourselves with Pope Francis and all people of good will in addressing the environmental degradation of our common home. We commit ourselves *to be instruments of God for the care of creation*¹ including concern for nature, justice for the poor, and commitment for a just society.

Our desire is for ecological conversion² through the action of prayer and contemplation, reflection and dialogue, and of reaching out beyond ourselves to others in forming new relationships and partnerships—together actively participating in *shaping the future of our planet*.³

As women who work for unity and reconciliation, who stand with the poor and promote ecological justice, we have for many years committed ourselves to bring about a change of heart and mind through on-going activities, such as, water and energy conservation, xeriscaping, the 3 R's, composting, and education of ourselves and beyond ourselves with an eye on the global community.

Our commitment continues. In the words of our Chapter Visioning Statement 2021-2026, *we commit ourselves to be creative and innovative in our local and global dialogue and action during the next five years on Integral Ecology*. Through a community-wide process of reflection and dialogue, we came to consensus in committing ourselves to a Five-Year Plan that is aligned with the Laudato Si' 7 Goals.

¹ Laudato Si', 14

² Laudato Si', 216-221

³ Laudato Si', 14