



# Adoratrices

Esclavas del Santísimo Sacramento y de la Caridad

## Manifiesto on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si'.

May 2021

Five years ago Pope Francis reminded us in his encyclical "Laudato Si": *"We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature"*. (Laudato Si 139).

In his encyclical, Pope Francis calls on the Church, national decision-makers, and all people of goodwill to recognize the urgency of our environmental challenge, and to remember that the poorest areas of the world are particularly vulnerable to environmental degradation and their populations are the most affected by its effects.

Welcoming this call of Pope Francis, the Adorers Family, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Encyclical Letter Laudato Sí and in solidarity with all those who suffer the grave consequences of the global pandemic that especially affects the most vulnerable groups, we declare and commit ourselves personally and as a community to:

1. to assume, in the face of the extreme threat of global warming, the loss of biodiversity, and the depletion of natural resources, the commitment to defend the Common Home and each of the human beings who inhabit it with our attitudes and life choices.
2. To assume, in the face of the avalanche of consumerism, a lifestyle that is joyfully sober, simple, contemplative, and in solidarity with those who have little or nothing; to reduce the production of waste and the use of plastics, to opt for renewable energies, to use public transport whenever possible and to support initiatives that promote a new economy and a new model of development based on the common good and integral ecology.
3. To stand alongside the poor, especially women who suffer violence, sexual exploitation, and/or victims of human trafficking, welcoming and accompanying their formation processes and being a voice for those who have no voice to defend their dignity and their rights.
4. Promote in our educational centers and apostolic platforms an ecological education by the global educational pact.
5. Encourage the communities, institutions, laypeople, volunteers, and professionals who walk the path with us to concretize this community commitment in their activities and to make every effort to promote, deepen, and put into practice the urgent call of Pope Francis for an Integral Ecological Conversion.



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Conscious of our fragility, our poverty, and smallness in the face of such great and serious challenges, we make this public commitment and we entrust ourselves to St. Mary Micaela, our foundress, who knew how to unite so extraordinarily, the greatness of God in the Eucharist and human misery... "The world is a Tabernacle for me...".

Sisters Adorers Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament and Charity