

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota *Laudato Si'* Action Platform
Commitment Statement

- We, the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, a rural congregation in a small town, farm economy near the Mississippi River, commit ourselves again to a journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a *Laudato Si'* Action platform.

This commitment marks our willingness:

- To take up the urgent appeal of *Laudato Si'* to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor by making it a community priority;
- To further our ongoing ecological conversion by bringing our members into greater understanding of their socio-ecological vocation within the spirit of our charism;
- To integrate each of the seven *Laudato Si'* goals into our life and apostolates;
- To take bold concrete actions in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* to address the multiple crises affecting our common home—the planet and its people;
- To practice nonviolence, as we reconcile and heal the pain in creation and sow hope for peace.

This commitment is made in faith, hope and love, knowing that we are participating in God's work of transformation, "for we know that things can change." (LS 13)

"Praised be to You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs."
Canticle of the Creatures, St. Francis of Assisi.


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