

*Cornwall, Ontario, Canada*

## Laudato Si reflection

*We are registered on the Laudato Si Platform as a small but vibrant organization called the **Salesian Youth Center**. As a Salesian Sisters' community, we are on a path of conversion that is gradual but real. After completing the self-assessment, we have done the following reflection:*

1. Our **Salesian charism**, as inspired by Jesus, the Good Shepherd, under the guidance of Mary Help of Christians and as masterfully lived by St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello, calls us to educate young people to be “**good citizens on earth and in heaven**” (St. John Bosco).

In light of **Laudato Si and our Salesian charismatic documents**, we are committed to inspire young people to become protagonists of their own lives and decisions through a greater awareness of the challenges of our common home.

Through our various ministry presences, we understand the importance of proposing paths of contemplation and prayer, attitudes of gratitude, positive relationships with all, attention to the cry of the poor, respect for the life and dignity of all, a deeper understanding that everything is connected, learning to search the common good, acting as a responsible citizen for our common home and the preservation of nature, choosing a simple lifestyle and being a person of hope!

2. As an FMA community, we took **quality time** this past year to read and assimilate the Laudato Si Encyclical. We dedicated a community meeting every month to deepen and broaden our understanding of Laudato Si through formative videos and appropriate prayer moments. We have lived the Season of Creation and the Laudato Si Week the best we can. This has helped us to be more aware of the urgency, the broad scope of integral ecology and the need for partnership and involvement of our educating community.
3. We are increasingly deepening our understanding that this is a **larger community commitment**: to involve the youth and their parents in our youth center and summer camp and other forms of ministry is a must. This is a challenging step that we want to make with hope!
4. With responsibility and fidelity, we feel the urgent call to be proactive in this area. We often feel overwhelmed by the complexities of so many global issues. The spirituality of “one step at a time” motivates us to move forward and play our little part in the big picture.