



The Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas has enrolled in the Laudato Si Action Platform, joining the worldwide Catholic community in a seven-year journey toward more fully living Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. This commits us to respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, adopt sustainable lifestyles, practice ecological economics, nurture ecological spirituality and education, and engage in community resilience and empowerment.

The Institute Leadership Team recognizes that this Vatican-led initiative provides an opportunity to continue our transformation toward greater integrity of word and deed. It also supports our commitment to unmask and address the underlying causes of our Critical Concerns of racism, Earth, immigration, non-violence and women and the interconnections among them.

Our participation in this journey will build on the activities, programs and policies already underway. This includes the Institute's Climate Response initiative to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, the theological reflection process on extractivism, the conversion of lifestyles promoted through the Mercy Earth Challenge and Mercy Meatless Mondays, legislative advocacy led by the Mercy Justice Team, and so much more.