

Franciscan Missionaries of Jesus

LAUDATO SI' Reflection

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Pope Francis second encyclical letter is Laudato Si': Which means On Care for Our Common Home. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis critically assesses the real difficulties that the world is facing today. In the Encyclical he specifically names the following issues: Pollution and waste, climate change, water contamination and access, the depletion of natural resources. We Franciscan Missionaries of Jesus whole heartedly welcome his invitation to safe guard the eco system. Believing in the sacredness of creation and in the dignity of every person, we listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As Franciscans we are called, "To be continually and totally converted to the Lord." We invest our lives in an ecological conversion of mind and heart. This ecological conversion calls us to a spirituality of creation, actions for the common good, concern for future generations, reverence for the Earth community.

We all are aware of the climate change that is happening and is caused in great part by human activity. We commit to join the worldwide Catholic Community in responding to Pope Francis appeal to participate in a journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a Laudato Si Action Platform. It focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as border questions of the relationship between God, human and the earth. We invest our lives in an ecological conversion of mind and heart. This ecological conversion calls us to a spirituality of creation, actions for the common good, concern for future generations and reverence for the Earth community. We are faithful stewards of Creation and work collaboratively to reduce our impact on the environment and in solidarity with those on the periphery of our society. Our commitment is grounded in our mission of living and promoting active nonviolence and peacemaking

