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LAUDATO SI' REFLECTION

The Sisters in the American Province of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, in union with our Sisters in Africa and Europe, Holy Child Associates, educational and ministry collaborators, and employees, commit ourselves to the *Laudato Si'* Action Plan. Our commitment flows from the Society's mission – ***to help others to believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world, and to rejoice in the divine presence*** – and from our Incarnational charism to witness and acknowledge God's loving presence in all people, in all creation, and in all stages of life.

We stand with Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'* to recognize that "Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another." (*Laudato Si'* 42)

We seek to address matters of justice, peace, and integrity of creation through prayer and by developing an action plan for the *Laudato Si'* goals:

- Respond to the care of the earth;
- Respond to the care of the poor;
- Adopt sustainable lifestyles;
- Advocate ecological education;
- Nurture ecological spirituality; and
- Engage in community resilience and empowerment.

Through our action plan, we seek ecological conversion. We hope to transform attitudes, behaviors, and practices to reduce threats to the environment and all creation. We will also continue to assess and reevaluate our action plan.

With the Society's motto Actions Not Words, we accept "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." (*Laudato Si'* 13)