




We, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and Associates, grateful to God for all Creation, reverence the sacredness and interconnectedness of all and commit ourselves to a sustainable relationship with Earth. This commitment builds upon the work begun with our Mission Statement of 1995 when we pledged to “care for the earth,” and an additional statement in 2000 as we pledged to “scrutinize carefully our own lifestyle and our environmental practices and policies in each culture in which we live.”

We again hear the urgent call to respond to the cry of the Earth and the economically poor, and joyfully and earnestly commit ourselves as a Congregation to the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform. We join in its seven-year journey to continue our efforts to transition into integral ecology and to intensify our efforts to address the destruction of God’s creation, acknowledging that as the environmental crisis worsens, so does its impact on the economically poor, women, and the other species with whom we share our planet home.

This commitment marks our willingness:

- to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor by making them Congregational priorities;
- to further our ongoing ecological conversion by assisting our members to come to a greater understanding of our socio-ecological vocation within the spirit of the Vincentian charism;
- to integrate each of the seven *Laudato Si'* goals into our life and mission by developing a systematic process to transition into an integral ecology;
- to take bold concrete actions in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* to address the multiple crises afflicting our common home; and
- to practice nonviolence as we reconcile and heal the pain in creation and sow hope for the planet.

We will collaborate with others in this urgent task, working with them to exchange ideas, in advocacy and policy intervention, and sharing with them our gifts and resources. This commitment is made in faith, hope, and love, knowing that we are participating in God’s work of transformation.


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