



**LAUDATO SI'**  
Action Platform  
SISTERS OF CHARITY, BVM

**Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We, together as BVM Sisters, Associates, and Circle of Friends are drawn by grace  
into living more profoundly into the mystery of the Source of All  
into living more consciously our interconnectedness with all of creation  
into living more integrally our understanding of freedom  
into living our Gospel values, humbly, boldly, and courageously.

We publicly commit to join the world community in responding to Pope Francis' appeal to work together towards sustainability and integral ecology by developing a Laudato Si' Action Plan.

This commitment marks our willingness:

To take up the "urgent appeal" of *Laudato Si'* to listen and respond to the cry of Earth and the cry of the economically poor by making it a community priority;

To further our ongoing ecological conversion by bringing our members into greater understanding of their socio-ecological vocation within the spirit of our BVM charism;

To integrate each of the seven *Laudato Si'* goals into our life and ministries by developing a process to transition to an integral ecology;

To take bold concrete actions in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* to address the multiple crises afflicting our common home and all of creation;

To practice nonviolence, as we reconcile and heal the pain in creation and sow hope for peace.

This commitment is made in faith, hope, and love, knowing that we are participating in God's ongoing work of transformation, "for we know that things can change" (LS 13).

Be alert! Be present! We are doing something new. (Is. 43:19)

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*Laudato Si'!*