



## Statement of Commitment to the Laudato Si' Action

### Platform

**As Daughters of Mary Immaculate – Marianists**, an international congregation of interconnected communities, we publicly commit to respond to Pope Francis' worldwide appeal to participate in a seven-year journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan. We do this rooted in the rich soil of our Marianist charism, and embodying the vision of our Marianist Founders as we respond to this critical sign of the times in our day.

This commitment as a *Laudato Si'* Vowed Religious Congregation marks our willingness:

1. To take up the urgent appeal of *Laudato Si'* to listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor as a priority of our communities and Units, responding with Blessed Marie of the Conception's (Adèle de Batz) heartfelt compassion to the suffering of the world. We respond to this Gospel call, as missionaries of Mary, making her known, loved and served today.
2. To further our ongoing ecological conversion, recognizing our responsibility for the environmental deterioration and its consequences for the poorest. We will facilitate our members' understanding of the socio-ecological dimension of our Marianist vocation and their active roles as witnesses and communicators of Mary's maternal care for all of creation.
3. To integrate the seven *Laudato Si'* goals and the Ecological Virtues into our life of prayer, community, learning and ministry by developing a systematic process of transition to an integral ecology.
4. To promote a vision of justice and *universal fraternity* – a united family that welcomes the contributions of all peoples (individuals, generations, cultures, religions, races and nationalities) and ensures that their rights are respected.
5. To take bold concrete actions in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* to address the multiple interconnected crises afflicting our common home – the planet and its people.
6. To practice nonviolence, as reconcilers and healers of Creation's pain, as we sow hope for peace.
7. To integrate the vision of Pope Francis expressed in *Fratelli Tutti* and the *Global Compact on Education with Laudato Si'*. In the spirit of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, we multiply our impact by developing collaborations within the Marianist Family, the global Church and other people of faith and good will.

Open to God's Spirit, in alliance with Mary *and in solidarity with those who join together to build a more just and loving world* (Rule of Life I.68), we commit to this ongoing work of transformation.

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