



# SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH

OFFICE OF JUSTICE, PEACE, AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION



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## **Laudato Si' Action Platform Public Commitment:**

As women and men devoted to living out the call of the gospel, we, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and Associates undersigned here, commit to developing a Laudato Si' Action Plan and continuing the lifelong journey to ecological conversion.

We recognize our duty to care for the Earth, which is given to us by God, as well as the responsibility to share the Earth's abundance and resources equitably. We also recognize that, despite the abundance of creation, there are human and ecological limits to the use of its resources that must be respected and protected. We pledge to use the gifts of creation with moderation, gratitude, and dependence.

Rooted in our charism of charity and the spirit of our heritage, we also commit to continue to hear the cry of those who are poor. This work calls us to care for people experiencing poverty, as well as addressing the unjust social systems which allow poverty to persist.

We commit to integral ecology. This is the understanding that many of the crises we face, whether they be environmental or social, are the result of the belief that individual freedom is limitless and that there are no duties or obligations to the common good. We recognize, as Pope Francis does, “how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.”

Lastly, in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*, we commit to undertaking this journey with others – the whole of the human family – because the crises we face today urgently affect us all. We invite anyone interested to join us to be companions on this journey.

**Public Commitment**  
October 4, 2021

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