



March 30, 2022

Dear Sisters, Associates, Partners in Mission and Friends,

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, we, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, reaffirmed our commitment to Integral Ecology by approving a Corporate Statement on the Laudato Sí Platform.

The Laudato Sí Action Platform is a unique collaboration between the Vatican, an international coalition of Catholic organizations, and “all men and women of good will.” (LS 3) Taking a truly ground-up approach, it is rooted in the strengths and realities of communities around the world, empowering all to take “decisive action, here and now” as we journey towards a better future together. (LS 161)

To learn more about the Laudato Sí Platform visit their website at <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org>

We ask you to join with us in committing to the needed changes to enhance the life of all people and our planet through sustainable and effective environmental practices and projects.

Peace and all good,

Congregational Leadership

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Laudato Sí Action Platform – Corporate Statement

We, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, believe that:

Rooted in our Franciscan-Clarian Charism and Mission and led by the Holy Spirit to interior conversion and life-long transformation, we must respond to new realities of our world today as prophetic witnesses by living and serving in relationship with one another, our sisters and brothers, and all of creation.

As servant leaders we recognize the urgency to advance the cause of Integral Ecology, embrace Interculturality/Diversity that exists within and beyond our Congregation, and promote the Common Good.

Recent and ongoing efforts relative to these beliefs include:

- Water Harvesting Project and Installation of Solar Panels, Immaculate Conception Convent, Kingston, JA
- Solar Operation (over 50%), Immaculate Conception High School, Kingston, JA
- Purchase of hybrid automobiles, Immaculate Conception Convent, Kingston, JA
- Installation of Water Cisterns and Solar Panels, Convento Mãe Admirável, Anápolis, Brazil
- Installation of Solar Panels, St. Francis of Assisi School, Palmas, Brazil
- Commitment in the U.S. (2018) to purchase hybrid automobiles as a way to downsize the gasoline engine cars
- Motherhouse Sisters in Allegany, NY engaged in “green practices” reducing the use of paper and plastic goods, reducing the amount of lighting used and replacement bulbs with energy efficient bulbs
- Local houses and clusters throughout the Congregation are committed to “green practices” of recycling, reducing use of paper and plastic goods, etc.

THEREFORE, we pledge our commitment to participate, individually and communally, in the Laudato Sí Action Platform through the next seven years by:

- (a) Collaborating with our Associates, Partners in Mission, other Congregations and other groups to engage in actions that foster a sustainable and sacred world; and
- (b) Defending all created life with preferential option for those who live in poverty, on the margins and excluded from society.