



LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM

Public Statement of Commitment

As the **Dominican Sisters of Amityville, New York** we are part of the larger Dominican Family, the international Order of Preachers. In our tradition we embrace four foundational pillars as we follow in the footsteps of Saints Dominic and Catherine of Siena - community, mission, study and prayer. As these pillars continue to become part of our daily lives, they enable us to focus our attention on the cry of the poor and the cry of Earth.

These foundational pillars are at the heart of some of our recent congregational reflections and actions. In our *Land Ethic* created in 2001, we stated: "We come to know that there is a single sacred community of Earth which includes all its component members both human and other than human, and that land has its own unique interiority and is not simply something we control." In our 2006, 2012 and 2018 *Chapter Statements*, we challenged ourselves to deepen our consciousness of the oneness of creation, to foster focused action on preserving the viability of Earth, to promote solidarity with those most vulnerable, especially women and children, and to grow in our care for one another and all creation.

In this spirit we, the Dominican Sisters, Associates and Young Adults of Amityville, New York, publicly commit to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a seven-year journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a plan and concrete actions in union with the seven goals of the *Laudato Si' Action Platform*. This flows from Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*. In making this commitment, we also follow in the footsteps of St. Albert the Great, a Dominican friar, scholar and scientist whose study, teaching and writing embraced all of creation.


Living out of our foundational pillars, our commitment is an invitation to discern how we may more deeply:

- Listen and respond to the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor
- Grow in our ecological conversion by re-examining our relationships with the Creator, creation and our sisters and brothers throughout the global community
- Collaborate with all people of goodwill in sowing hope for peace and addressing the multiple crises afflicting our common home – Earth and its people.

In making this commitment, we realize that “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue.” (LS 217).

To learn more, go to www.laudatosiainctionplatform.org.


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