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Laudato Si Action Platform Reflection

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania are committed to Pope Francis' Laudato Si Action Platform in which he invites all Catholics to develop a seven-year plan to help achieve the platform goals: *response to the cry of the poor, response to the cry of the Earth, ecological economics, adoption of a sustainable lifestyle, ecological education, ecological spirituality and community resilience and empowerment.*

The mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania is to respond to the ever-changing needs of the world, serve the neighbor without distinction, and unite all people with one another and with God. Living our charism of unity, we join with all Catholics in response to the Pope's call to rebuild our relationship with each other and with our planet.

In the first year of our Plan, we concentrated on raising awareness of the Laudato Si Action Platform and the 7 goals with all our constituents, Sisters, Agrégées, and Associates as well as employees. This was done through a variety of methods; writing in our monthly newsletter, holding prayer services, posting the goals on tables in the dining room, hosting a showing of The Letter open to all, and adding it to the agenda at each Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation meeting.

Going forward, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will discern each goal of the Laudato Si Action Platform and build on what we have already accomplished to work toward integral ecology (the connection between humans and our environment). We will create a year 2 plan with measurable goals based on input from our constituents: Sisters, Associates, Agrégées that takes into consideration our charism and present realities. Each year, we will evaluate our progress and adjust the goals where necessary.

Pope Francis stated, "Since everything is closely interrelated, and today's problems call for a vision capable of taking into account every aspect of the global crisis, I suggest that we now consider some elements of an integral ecology, one that clearly respects its human and social dimensions." (LS 137)