



Our Commitment to the Laudato Si' Action Platform *The Cry of Mother Earth: Care for Our Common Home*

Christian Brothers

We publicly commit to join the worldwide Catholic community in responding to Pope Francis' appeal to participate in a seven-year journey toward sustainability and integral ecology by developing a Laudato Si' Action Platform.

The following Statement is from the Congregation Chapter held in Dublin Ireland during February 2022

As far as we know, the only planet in an immense universe on which life has emerged is our wonderful, blue planet Earth. Earth is home to myriad creatures, ourselves included. Today, Earth is severely diminished by human ignorance and greed. We Brothers join Earth as She cries out in protest.

*In his encyclical **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis calls each one of us to a transformation of heart and soul with a growing awareness of the ecological challenges facing our home, Mother Earth.*

*The Congregation Chapter calls each of our Brothers to embrace the Pope's call to love and protect our planet through contemplation, prayer and action. The Chapter commits the Congregation to support the **Laudato Si' Action Platform**, as invited by Pope Francis.*

Province Leadership Teams are asked to engage with their communities in these four main directions:

- ⇒ Animating and accompanying local communities in their efforts towards an integral ecology.*
- ⇒ Promoting opportunities for personal formation of Brothers in this area.*
- ⇒ Providing financial resources and support to engage in, for example, alternative energy plans and new investment strategies.*
- ⇒ Developing policies and guidelines essential to sustainable ecology.*

Urgent Call to the Brothers

The Chapter calls us all into deeper love for Mother Earth, leading to a fundamental conversion of heart, expressed in our daily life choices.

This commitment is made in faith, hope, and love, knowing that we are participating in God's work of transformation, "for we know that things can change" (LS 13).

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