



Sisters of the Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Joyful Service

The Presentation Sisters of South Dakota Respond to the Vatican's Invitation to Commit to a Seven-Year Journey Towards Sustainability and an Integral Ecology



Imbued with the cosmic nature of our beloved Christ, spirited by the charism of Nano Nagle, our foundress, and shaped by a prairie spirituality. We, the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of South Dakota, with our Cojourners, Partners in Mission and all people of good will, publicly commit to join the worldwide Catholic community in a seven-year journey toward sustainability and integral ecology in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' by developing this action plan.

This commitment marks our willingness:

TO ACT JUSTLY

1. Incarnate the compassion and justice of Jesus who both healed the poor and challenged injustice.
2. Grow in right relationship with our indigenous brothers and sisters, upon whose lands we inhabit.
3. Hear and attend to the cries and suffering of both the earth and those made poor.
4. Develop a systemic process integrating the seven Laudato Si' goals through the lens of integral ecology, anticipating life-enhancing shoots of new growth springing from this vine of integral oneness.
5. Steward our resources responsibly, mindful of the seven generations before and after us.

TO LOVE TENDERLY

1. Strengthen and care for our web of relationships, deepening our awareness of the shared call to serve creation and its people for the common good.
2. Nano Nagle sought the social reversal of the unjust systems of her day and responded with compassion and love. Her last words directed her sisters to "love one another as you have hitherto done and spend yourselves for the poor." We commit to do likewise.

TO WALK HUMBLY

1. Live contemplatively in communion with creation and all God's people.
2. Live in harmony with one another, acknowledging our need for forgiveness.
3. Live simply.

We make this commitment in the spirit of Mary, Mother of Jesus, and our patroness, who in her prayer, the Magnificat, prays that the mighty will be cast down and the lowly lifted up.

Presentation Sisters Leadership Council

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