



***As Franciscans, living the Gospel and trusting in God's providence,
we strive to practice hospitality as reflected in our care for every
person and care for all creation.***

**Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Vision Statement
2023 General Chapter**

Open to transformation, as our Vision Statement is lived out, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi commit to a formal personal and communal response, as we are able, to a seven-year journey as part of the global *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls us to cooperate as interdependent members of God's universe. "Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another" (Paragraph 42).

This is not a new commitment, rather, it is a deepening of purpose. In 1999, the congregation proclaimed in its *Sacred Web of Life* statement: "All of creation, from the initial creative event to the arrival of humans, is a single, interconnected and interdependent whole... Creation is the primary revelation and each being reveals something of the Divine."

As women of faith, we are called to transform the world through our lives. We believe that when people freely share ideas and insights, the Holy Spirit is at work making transformation possible.

This is an ongoing collaborative process as we celebrate the journey towards Integral Ecology and hereby renew publicly our congregational commitment to reduce our impact on the environment, to care for people on the margins of society, and to care for all God's creation. This is at the core of our Franciscan identity.

We joyfully welcome you to join us in this global collaboration.

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