

PRESS RELEASE

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THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF BON SECOURS OF PARIS RESPOND TO VATICAN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEVEN YEAR JOURNEY TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SPIRIT OF LAUDATO SI'



(October 4, 2021, Marriottsville, MD) - Today the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris joyfully announce that they will accept the invitation extended by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to participate in a seven year journey toward sustainability in the spirit of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

This initiative, the *Laudato Si' Action Platform*, is a call to the universal Church – families, parishes and dioceses, educational and healthcare institutions, organizations and religious orders – to take concrete steps toward a sustainable future in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*. Over these next seven years the Congregation of Bon Secours hopes to be part of the critical mass needed to create a global paradigm shift which is nothing short of a transformation of our relationship with Earth and all who share our common home. In the coming year, in collaboration with the Bon Secours Family, we will assess what we are already doing to address the goals of *Laudato Si'*, dream of what more could be possible and design a plan that will enable us to more fully realize this vision of Pope Francis' encyclical over the next seven years.

We share today our public commitment to participate in this transformative journey.

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris *Laudato Si'* Action Platform Commitment Statement

*We, Women of Healing, commit ourselves to:
defend and care for all creation and to
cry out with others against injustice and all that diminishes life on Earth.*
Sisters of Bon Secours Mission Focus

In fidelity to this mission focus
that has guided our Congregation choices since 2009
and desiring to live our healing charism more deeply,
the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours and the Bon Secours Family
joyfully embark on a seven-year journey with the universal Church
toward integral ecology in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*.

Impelled by the Holy Spirit
and renewed by the fire of our original call,
we, women of audacious hope,
commit ourselves to boldly live our charism of
compassion, healing and liberation
with those in our Bon Secours Family
as we address the seven *Laudato Si'* Action Platform goals:
To respond to the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor,
Adopt a more sustainable lifestyle
Engage in and foster ecological education
Develop an ecological spirituality
Embrace ecological economics and
Advocate for public policies that protect our common home and all those who share it.

Through our participation in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform,
the Congregation of Bon Secours and the Bon Secours Family
are walking a "path to renewal" together with all people of good will
who love and care for our common home, Mother Earth.

*Public Commitment
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The Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris is an international Congregation of Women Religious serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), France, Great Britain, Ireland, Peru and the United States.

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