

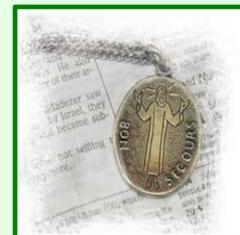
Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation News

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours



Cry of Earth
Cry of the Poor

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"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach so as to hear both the cry of Earth and the cry of the poor." (Pope Francis)

Today the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris joyfully announce that we 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 (LSAP), 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 pray for the grace to be open to what God desires to do through us for the healing of Earth.

Laudato Si' Action Platform Update

October 4: Feast of St. Francis

- Begins 40 Days of Prayer and Promotion for the success of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.
- LSAP website will publish a list of resources and events.
<https://laudatosi-actionplatform.org/>

November 14:

5th World Day of Prayer for the Poor

- The Congregation of Bon Secours will post our commitment on the LSAP website along with others who will be making a commitment.
- The LSAP website will publish planning guides to assist us in developing an action plan over the next year.



"We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us."

Pope Francis &
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Reflection

In light of our Bon Secours mission and charism, what meaningful sacrifices do the twin crises of climate change and global inequality call you and our Bon Secours Family to make?

October
JPIC Days of Remembrance

October 2
World Habitat Day

October 4
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
World Animal Day

October 11
International Day of the
Girl Child

October 16
World Food Day

October 17
International Day for the
Eradication of Poverty

October 24
United Nations Day

October 24 – 30
Disarmament Week

Sisters of Bon Secours...Women of healing...defending and caring for all creation (Mission Focus)

Goal 1: Cry of Earth



Goal 2: Cry of the Poor



Goal 3: Ecological Economics



Goal 4: Sustainable Lifestyle



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

October 4, 2021

Goal 5: Ecological Education



Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality



Goal 7: Advocacy



Faiths 4 Climate Justice: October 17 – 18, 2021

Two weeks before global climate negotiations, people of diverse religions will rise to send a message: destroying the planet is against our religions.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17: Day of Prayer calling for climate justice and care for those who are vulnerable. Pray for Earth's healing today.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18: Day of Action to advocate for healing for Mother Earth. Sign a petition, join a march or contact your legislators as a way to respond to the Cry of Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

Take Action: LSAP Goal #7 Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition

The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) is inviting us to sign the petition on Biodiversity "Healthy Planet, Healthy People" promoted by the Laudato Si' Movement. This petition, being promoted at the international level, is an opportunity before the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) and the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), to ask world leaders to set meaningful targets to protect creation. It is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. Sign here: <https://thecatholicpetition.org/>



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