



# LAUDATO SI'

## Action Platform



On November 14, [the IHM Congregation](#) joined with people around the world in marking the official launch of the **Laudato Si' Action Platform**.

This Action Platform is a process and an ongoing seven-year journey of listening to Earth's voice and acting upon what we hear.

Our deep listening to the voice of our planet also impelled our IHM Congregation to join congregations of women and men religious in creating a public statement of our commitment to Earth, our Common Home. (Attached)

As part of our commitment to listen and act, our EarthCARE committee is sending each month (for the next seven months) an IHM communal reflection sheet in a digital format.

*This reflection sheet will be available in hard copy at OLP and the IHM Center for those who prefer.*

**For the month of December, our focus is on *Laudato Si'* Goal #1: "Cry of the Earth." (One of 7 goals)**

Listening to the Cry of the Earth holds an invitation to open wide our hearts and our minds to the rapid diminishment of Earth

and to embrace the ecological challenges of these days when some of Earth's biological systems are being pushed past a safe threshold.

Easy steps:

- 1) Reflect on the First Goal: CRY OF THE EARTH**
- 2) Commit to a concrete action** (one that is suggested or one to which your prayer and reflection leads)
- 3) At month's end, fill out the simple questionnaire.** (I will send questionnaire via IHMlistserve. Paper copies will be available at IHM Center and OLP)
- 4) Return questionnaire via email or paper copies to Office of JIPC, 2300 Adams Ave. Scranton, PA 18509**

Representatives from the **IHM EarthCARE and JIPC Committees will collect the wisdom of the sisters and associates as we journey together with Catholics and people of good will across the planet on this seven year journey.** Your wisdom will help guide us on this journey.

I invite you to be creative and imaginative in your personal and communal journey during these coming months.

***With Pope Francis, may our reflection and action lead us to turn what is happening to our beautiful yet wounded world***

***"into our own personal suffering, and thus to discover what each of us can do about it."***