



Dear sisters and Family of Incarnation.

We have just celebrated Laudato Si' Week, which has mobilized millions around the world to care for our common home.



The sisters of the communities of Chavagnes celebrated the week Laudato Si with the beauty of nature

As a congregation, we are at the door of our general chapter, where we are all involved through direct participation or prayer.

Precisely, the seventh objective of Laudato Si' proposed by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is community engagement and participatory action.

LS n°219: *"Social problems must be addressed by **community networks** and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds."*

Our present time demands from us a joint, decisive response in favour of creation, which is one more manifestation of the option for the poor.

Community Engagement and Participatory Action encourage the development of cultures and policies that protect our common home and all who share it. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development proposes, among others, this set of actions:

- Advocating for social and ecological causes by identifying a social/environmental policy focus, organizing public and/or private community events with officials to discuss advocacy issues, maintaining a regular review of policies and sharing updates with the community, and having a community leader make public statements about advocacy issues.

- Engaging the wider public by organizing social/ecological events, regularly exploring the local ecosystem as a group, and writing for local newspapers or commenting on local news stories related to Laudato Si' themes.
- Developing a social response to shared challenges by collaborating with leaders to identify ways the Church can support your social/ecological programs and developing a community coalition to prepare for and respond to emergent social crises.
- Developing resilience by analyzing the physical, social, and spiritual ways your community is likely to be affected by climate change and biodiversity loss and making a plan to resiliently prepare for those changes, ensuring buildings are prepared for changes in heat, storm intensity, and sea-level rise, and ensuring members of the community are able to travel to other locations in the event of a weather emergency.

With each of our actions and commitments in the care of life, we sow hope.

FT n° 196: "It is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the **seeds of goodness we sow**, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others."



LS n°160: "*When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values... We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate **meaning of our earthly sojourn.***"

LS n°212: "*We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread. Furthermore, such actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can **enable us to live more fully** and to feel that life on earth is worthwhile.*"

A sisterly embrace and united in these sacred moments for our congregation.

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