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Pope Francis has issued an urgent and clarion call to all the faithful to join him in combating the ecological catastrophe and caring for our 'Common Home' by collaborating and networking globally towards integral ecology. Responding to his invitation and to the resolutions of the General Chapter XXIV of our congregation, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMAs), we, the members of the Community of Mary Our Help Training Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya, India, commit ourselves to protect our "Common Home" according to the charism of our Founders, St. John Bosco and St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello, by participating actively in the *Laudato Si'* Platform. We are aware that we are co-creators of our future, and thus we are ready to bequeath our gifts and abilities as we journey together towards full sustainability in the holistic spirit of *Laudato Si'*.

We can feel and taste God's presence physically through His creatures, in the beautiful planet we live on, and through the people we interact with on a daily basis. We commit to a journey with Jesus, transformed by our encounter with Him, and with the attitude of Mary's presence at Cana, to create a community that generates life in the heart of the contemporary world, walking in the footsteps of our founders and in synodality with the Church in reaching out to the poor and marginalised people of our time and context, with a generous heart and a daring spirit like our pioneers.

We recognise that our world is changing and transforming, with complex realities and challenges such as emerging cultures, socio-political realities, multi-religious realities, digital technology, extraordinary scientific development, and environmental crises that affect the entire world, particularly young people. As a result, we wish to commit to being in their environment with an evangelical heart, a vigilant, aware, and prepared attitude, and to proclaiming the Gospel of joy and hope through our lives.

We are called to interact with the environment responsibly, in fidelity to the trust bestowed on us by God. We are convinced that we must work to develop natural resources by setting up a symbiotic approach, by working in collaboration with nature, so that a humanized ecosystem is developed and maintained. Consequently, we exercise stewardship over the world's resources by sharing, caring, and sparing use of them. Through this gesture, we ardently express our desire to cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, according to our own charism, culture, experience, involvements and talents. (Ref. LS 14)

Therefore, the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform is an incredible gift to us, and hence, we humbly and publicly accept the invitation of Pope Francis to participate actively in this platform. Through this act of open acceptance, we acknowledge and recognize the importance of committing ourselves to a seven-year journey with seven important goals of *Laudato Si'*. We commit ourselves to being open to conversion, generating new life for humanity and creation, generating new hope for nature and humanity by actualising integral ecology and fraternity with greater authenticity.



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