



## A Shared Statement of Identity for the Catholic Health Ministry

*We are the people of Catholic health care*, a ministry of the church continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today. As provider, employer, advocate, citizen — bringing together people of diverse faiths and backgrounds — our ministry is an enduring sign of health care rooted in our belief that every person is a treasure, every life a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind, and spirit.

We work to bring alive the Gospel vision of justice and peace. We answer God's call to foster healing, act with compassion, and promote wellness for all persons and communities, with special attention to our neighbors who are poor, underserved, and most vulnerable. By our service, we strive to transform hurt into hope.

### AS THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH CARE, WE COMMIT TO:

- + Promote and Defend Human Dignity
- + Attend to the Whole Person
- + Care for Poor and Vulnerable Persons
- + Promote the Common Good
- + Act on Behalf of Justice
- + Steward Resources
- + Act in Communion with the Church

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## CATHOLICS AROUND THE GLOBE CAN JOIN **Laudato Si' Action Platform**



This November 14, Catholics from around the world can make a public commitment to act on the urgent issues facing the environment. This commitment can be made through the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, which debuted in May with Pope Francis inviting all Catholics on a journey “to create the future we want: a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world.”

The *Laudato Si'* Action Platform was announced in May 2020 by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development as part of the *Laudato Si'* Special Anniversary Year. The goals of the action platform reflect the encyclical's recognition that long-term solutions to the climate crisis need to address the environmental, economic, political, social, cultural and ethical issues that drive overconsumption, wastefulness and pursuit of profits without regard to human or environmental costs.

The seven goals of the action platform are:

- Response to the Cry of the Earth
- Response to the Cry of the Poor
- Ecological Economics
- Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
- Ecological Education
- Ecological Spirituality
- Community Involvement and Participatory Action

The platform will provide customized planning guides, resources and community support to help seven target sectors achieve action platform goals over seven years: families; parishes and dioceses; schools and universities; hospitals and health care centers; businesses and farms; lay movements and organizations; and religious congregations. Pope Francis has said he hopes “we can all collaborate, each with their own culture and experience, each with their own initiatives and abilities, so that our mother Earth returns to its original beauty and creation again shines according to God's plan.”

**For more about the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform:**  
<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

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