

Commitment Statement of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Province of the Carmelites (2023):

*Joining a worldwide community, the Carmelite Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary commits to a six-year Laudato Si' Action Plan process. This process will include enrollment in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, creation of a Laudato Si' Action Plan, and yearly assessments and updating of the Plan. Over these six years, input from the Provincial Council and Provincial Commissions will be reviewed. The Provincial Council and Commissions oversee all aspects of provincial operations. As Pope Francis wrote in Laudato Si': "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed" (LS14).*

*A Laudato Si' fund has been created to support this project. This fund will be used to hire a person to coordinate the effort. This coordinator will manage interactions between the Provincial Council, the Provincial Commissions, the wider Carmelite Family, the Carmelite NGO, and the Laudato Si' Action Platform community.*

*As stated in Laudate Deum, "some effects of the climate crisis are already irreversible" (LD 15). We understand that we are already living in a changed world and are "unable to halt some of the enormous damage we have caused" (LD 16). Therefore, with prayerful contemplation of the current reality, we commit to provincial discernment of restorative actions grounded in integral ecology. We pray that this Provincial commitment to a Laudato Si' Action Plan process will lead to movement away from irresponsible lifestyles and toward a Provincial culture of genuine care for one another and all creation.*