



In the spirit of St. Francis, we, the C.A.R.E. (Creating Actions to Reverence the Earth) Committee of the U.S. Province of the School Sisters of St. Francis, are disheartened by the decision, announced by President Trump on June 1, 2017, that the United States would pull out of the Paris Agreement that 195 countries agreed to in December 2015.

As a province, we are committed to making ecological decisions in solidarity with Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and the Paris Agreement. We believe there is no other way forward in caring for our common home, Earth. The School Sisters of St Francis' U.S. Province will continue to make decisions in light of these documents.

We encourage all people to make decisions consonant with Pope Francis' words in *Laudato Si'* #48: "The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation."

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