

Caring for Earth Caring for You

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society..." (LS 92)



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THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF PHILADELPHIA

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call to hear the cry of the Earth by promoting and demonstrating healthy living through organic farming at Red Hill Farm CSA, by encouraging healthy nutrition based on eco-justice values, by monitoring and evaluating all purchases for their environmental impact, by using alternative forms of energy, and by developing strategies and actions that flow from ongoing environmental initiatives. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022

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RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

"... the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet." (LS 48)



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call to hear the cry of the poor by working with and advocating for immigrants to support transition to proper housing and access to education, healthcare, and employment. The congregation, local communities and individuals serve in and financially support ministries with those who are homeless and economically poor, including Anna's Place, Chester, PA; St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia; Ministry of Caring, Delaware; Mother Seton Academy, Baltimore; Transitions, Spokane, and many others. Join us this Saturday, March 12, for our food drive to benefit Anna's Place. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022

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ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

"We urgently need [to bring] together the different fields of knowledge, including economics, in the service of a more integral and integrating vision." (LS 141)



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call to practice ecological economics by our participation with organizations that facilitate change in our world and by the work of our Corporate Social Responsibility Office. This work includes engagement with corporations regarding their environmental practices and a clear commitment to develop strategies, tools, and resources and to share learnings to be part of the movement to dismantle systemic racism. We help to change policies, practices, and the impacts of businesses that perpetuate injustice and inflict harm on the people of our World. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022

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ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

We "set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings." (LS 208)



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call to adopt sustainable lifestyles by changing how we live in relationship with each other and our common home. Our sisters, companions, and coworkers enjoy many beautiful outdoor spaces where they can be with nature and help grow new plant life. Some additional ways we care for our planet have been to avoid single-use plastics (such as water bottles), conduct a "General Environmental Audit" of our living spaces, compost, recycle, eat organic food (some grown on our own Red Hill Farm), conserve water, and use eco-friendly cleaning products. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022

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ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

"Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature." (LS 215)



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call for ecological education by participating in and hosting educational opportunities around the topic of ecological justice, by integrating Care for Creation values and curriculum in our sponsored educational institutions, inviting other schools and organizations to visit Red Hill Farm, and by holding meetings and prayer vigils to support issues that affect our local communities. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022

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ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

"An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us..." (LS 155)



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call to ecological spirituality by hosting retreats and other faith-based opportunities at our Franciscan Spiritual Centers, by our Earth Day and Season of Creation observances, and by participation in many gatherings and prayer vigils integrating Franciscan spirituality, justice issues and care for creation. We also enjoy sacred spaces, which include labyrinths and meditation gardens, and we offer tree planting to memorialize a loved one. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022

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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (LS 205)



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and our companions respond to Pope Francis' call to support community resilience and empowerment through collaborating with others in groups such as our Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee and the Franciscan Action Network. We unite our voices to stand against the injustices in our community and in the world. Our sisters and companions participate in and support ministries that assist and empower those in need, attend rallies, write letters and make phone calls to government officials, take corporate stands, and so much more. Join us in Caring for Earth, Caring for You! #CSW2022