

ST. JOHN BOSCO COMMUNITY



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Laudato Si Reflection

*We are registered on the Laudato Si Platform as the **Community of St. John Bosco**. As a Salesian Sisters' community, we are on a path of conversion that is gradual, but real. Following our discussion on Laudato Si, we have done the following reflection:*

1. Our **Salesian charism**, as inspired by Jesus, the Good Shepherd, under the guidance of Mary Help of Christians and as lived by St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello, calls us to educate young people to be **"good citizens on earth and in heaven"** (St. John Bosco).

In light of **Laudato Si and our Salesian charismatic documents**, we are committed to inspire young people to become protagonists of their own lives and decisions through a greater awareness of the challenges of our common home.

Through our various ministry presences, we understand the importance of taking care of the common home and living in harmony in ALL aspects of our lives. We resolve to take responsibility for keeping our home in order, to move away from "the throwaway society," to give due attention to the cry of the poor and respect for the life and dignity of all. By doing so, we shall nurture a deeper understanding that everything is interconnected and thereby strive for the common good, acting as a responsible citizen for our common home, and being a person of hope!

2. As an FMA community, we realize the limitations of our current reality in living the invitations of the *Laudato Si* Encyclical. For example, at present, there exists no infrastructure for recycling plastic, glass, or aluminum at St. John Bosco. Efforts are currently being made to investigate how this can be resolved. In addition, funds are being raised to help with this sustainability effort. The community has also taken the time to reflect on our current lifestyle. By being more mindful of our daily actions and by reducing, reusing, and recycling, we hope to adopt a more simple lifestyle this year that will reduce our ecological footprint.
3. Lastly, we also resolved to update our knowledge of *Laudato Si* as a community at least once a month. By enriching ourselves, we hope, in turn, to educate our educating community about integral ecology. In this way, we hope to be beacons of hope and harmony to our educating community and to all with whom we come in contact.