



## Northeast Ohio Sisters Celebrate Catholic Sisters Week 2022 With Recommitment to Care of Earth and People

In Northeast Ohio, the Conference of Religious Leadership (CORL) are marking Catholic Sisters Week this year by recommitting themselves to caring for Earth, inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si (On the Care of Our Common Home)*, and caring for people, especially those who are most vulnerable in our communities.

In his letter, the Pope calls on all people to see and understand the connections between climate change and other environmental issues, to humanitarian and social issues such as immigration, racism, trafficking and access to healthcare, especially for the poor and marginalized.

Catholic sisters have worked in education, social services, healthcare, spiritual care, and environmental justice for decades. We continue and recommit our resources to this rich legacy by supporting schools, hospitals, programs and services that provide aid to those in need in our communities, and through collaborations and partnerships with agencies and organizations that do vital humanitarian work. We also work to promote environmental and sustainable solutions through direct action and advocacy. These efforts include the use of geothermal energy, reducing meat consumption, working with local community gardens to reduce food deserts and food insecurity, using alternative fuel vehicles, investing in alternative fuel sources, promoting composting, advocating for clean air and water, conserving energy where we live and minister, and inviting others to join us in advocacy efforts.

We invite you to join us in these efforts as we look with hope and possibility to the future. It is in caring for Earth that we care for each other as we are inextricably connected.

To learn more about what each community of sisters is doing in Northeast Ohio and how you can become involved, click on the logos below to visit our websites.

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