



Statement of the International Dominican Commission for Justice and Peace

To the Dominican communities:

In the “common house”, “everything is connected” (LS 91). We are one Earth community with a common destiny. “There is no planet B!” is the cry of millions of young people around the world trying to raise awareness and warn all agents of the international community about the urgency of taking actions to curb the climate change. Global warming will bring more migrations, more diseases and strange phenomena. Natural disasters add to global inequality sharpening the tragedy of the most vulnerable population. Those who have less are those who suffer the most from extreme events. Droughts, floods, razed crops and diseases are primed in them. Children and women are on the front line of the victims. The World Bank warns that in 2030 there will be 100 million more poor people due to climate change. The consequences of global warming are evident already and everywhere. Not wanting to see it is denying scientific evidence and denying the right of the next generations to a sustainable environment. Not wanting to face it means ignoring the Social Teachings of the Church and the last Popes, collected in *Laudato Si’*.

Faced with this reality, coinciding with the United Nations summit on climate change in New York, as members of the International Dominican Commission for Justice and Peace:

1. We commend the **ecological awareness** of these young people, admiring the courage to express themselves without fear, in the face of the indifference of those who have the responsibility to produce the changes.
2. We express our solidarity with young people and other people and social movements that are fighting for a **sustainable future** around the world.

3. We support the fair **demand for policies and actions** that contribute to preventing the increase in global warming.

4. We invite the Dominican Family from all over the world **to commit to all levels** (international, regional, provincial, community) with an **ecological conversion** and **spirituality**, consistent with the lines of guidance and action of *Laudato Si'* (LS, IV and V) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (*SDG 2030*).

How?

- Discerning how to apply “ecological conversion” to daily life and our institutions.
- Promoting exhibitions, campaigns, mobilizations, educational projects.
- Working the encyclical *Laudato Si'* with children and youth as protagonists.

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