



## Press Release

### *Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious Announces Support for Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' On Care for Our Common Home*

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Washington D.C. - The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) joins the rest of the world in welcoming the Holy Father's recently released Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*, and the CMSWR membership looks forward to prayerfully reading it. In the Encyclical, Pope Francis calls on all people to remember the guidance of Saint Francis, who "invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness."<sup>1</sup>

Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, S.V., Chairperson of CMSWR, commented, "As women religious, we support the direct appeal by Pope Francis for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet and exercising the stewardship of creation entrusted to every human person by the Creator."

The CMSWR, located in Washington, D.C., was founded in 1992 with the canonical approval of Saint John Paul II. The sisters of the CMSWR communities represent 125 communities nationwide with approximately 6,000 sisters. For more information, visit [www.cmswr.org](http://www.cmswr.org).

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<sup>1</sup> *Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' of the Holy Father Francis on Care for our Common Home. Section 12, page 11.*

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