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**Augustinians**  
Province of St. Thomas of Villanova

The Office of the Prior Provincial

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Augustinian Province of St Thomas of Villanova

United to the concern of the Church as expressed by Pope Francis in *Laudato Sí*, the Augustinian Province of St Thomas of Villanova commits itself to promote education, reflection and action to care for our common home.

In response to the invitation of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to participate in the *Laudato Si* Action Platform, and in coordination with other religious communities of women and men, we publicly state our pledge to work toward sustainable solutions that foster integral human development by combatting hunger and poverty, restore dignity to the excluded and protect nature.

We resolve, over the next seven years, to:

1. Pray fervently and reflect assiduously on our responsibility to care for God's creation.
2. Elaborate an action plan to integrate and confidently advance each of the seven *Laudato Sí* goals in our personal, communal and institutional life.
3. Educate and encourage awareness among the members of our Province, encouraging us to examine our consumption patterns and lifestyle, to adopt behaviors more consistent with our environmental concern.
4. Introduce in our community discussion and pastoral encounters the topics of sustainability, environmental justice and integral ecology as expounded on in *Laudato Sí* in an effort to encourage as well as live an ecological conversion.
5. Promote in our pastoral activities (homilies, conferences, workshops and classrooms) awareness, advocacy and actions to reduce our carbon footprint and embrace a culture of encounter and solidarity with those at the margins and most vulnerable and most impacted by environmental maltreatment.

We entrust our efforts to the intercession of St Augustine, aware that the Augustinian community is called to be a prophetic sign in the world to the extent that fraternal life becomes a source of sharing and a cause for hope.

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