

PUBLIC STAND ON CLIMATE CHANGE/ GLOBAL WARMING

We, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, recognizing the reality of global climate change and its negative impact on the entire community of Life, commit ourselves

- *to a deeper contemplation of the presence of God in the wonderful diversity of creation which compels us to a life of reverence for the sacredness of Earth;*
- *to education about the reality of global warming in all our ministries;*
- *to a special focus on the effects of global warming on those made poor, especially women and children;*
- *to continual and sustained effort to reduce our carbon footprint in our local communities, sponsored and other ministries;*
- *to join with other people of good will in advocating for policy changes that will reduce carbon emissions and promote the use of sustainable forms of energy.*

We make this public stand as a Congregation inspired by our patrons and founders:

Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac who challenged social and economic structures from the perspective of those made poor; Saint Elizabeth Seton who took contemplative delight in God's presence in creation; Mother Xavier, who met the needs of her age with energy and zeal.

Resources on Climate Change



Peace, Justice, Earth section of Sister of Charity website www.scnj.org



**Catholic Climate Covenant
<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/>**



**Global Catholic Climate Movement
<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>**



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