

## **DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT CHAPTER 2021**

Rooted in our Franciscan-Clarian Charism and Mission and led by the Holy Spirit to interior conversion and life-long transformation, we must respond to new realities of our world today as prophetic witnesses by living and serving in relationship with one another, our sisters and brothers, and all of creation.

As servant leaders we recognize the urgency to advance the cause of Integral Ecology, embrace Interculturality/Diversity that exists within and beyond our Congregation, and promote the Common Good.

Therefore, we commit to:

- a) Educate ourselves and others for better understanding of Integral Ecology and how it relates to restorative justice, affects creation and impels us to act locally and globally for the healing/care of our Common Home.
- b) Collaborate with our Associates, Partners in Mission, other Congregations and other groups to engage in actions that foster a sustainable and sacred world, and thus, we dare to imagine a new vision for Religious Life, and our emerging future.
- c) Create environments of peace and reconciliation and seek meaningful ways of encountering those whose cultures are different from ours for mutual growth and understanding, eliminating all forms of prejudice and discrimination.
- d) Defend All Created life with preferential option for those who live in poverty, on the margins and excluded from society.
- e) Seek new ways to promote and practice servant leadership and mutuality by opening ourselves to dialogue in a spirit of prayer, co-responsibility and courage in light of the Common Good.
- f) Invest resources of the Congregation, financial and human, to promote initiatives in Integral Ecology, Interculturality, and Servant Leadership.