

#WeHearYou

A Letter to Canadian Youth in Search of Climate Justice

Dear Young People of Canada,

We thank and congratulate you for your courageous leadership. Locally and globally, you inspire us and many others to recognize the current climate emergency and respond to it.

We hear you. We stand with you. We are religious, sisters long committed to social justice, climate justice and peace. Representing many communities of Catholic sisters, associates and staff, we embrace the sacredness of Earth and all creatures. With you, we uphold their right to flourish, with not one being left behind.

We appreciate how your vital advocacy highlights the need for Canada and the international community to strengthen their efforts to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, and to work towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Thank you for awakening us with your peaceful persistence and creative collective action. Our own actions for reducing carbon, protecting and honouring water and safeguarding ecological diversity convey our desire to commit with you to a right relationship with people everywhere and with all of nature.

#WeHearYou, and we thank you! We boldly invite you to contact religious communities in your regions to initiate common intergenerational actions.

In solidarity and with gratitude,

Members of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation network Atlantic Region Canadian Religious Conference