

MESSAGE FROM SUPERIOR GENERAL

My dear brothers and sisters in the Passionist family of Holy Cross Province and St. Paul of the Cross Province – USA,

I have been invited to send you my greetings and words of encouragement as you meet together on 2nd December 2021 to collaborate in making a concerted effort toward the realization of your pledged commitment to the *Laudato Si' Action Platforms*.

I greet you all who are gathered by Zoom platform for this historic and collaborative effort. I am pleased to know of this joint venture as members of the one Passionist family in the United States. You are being proactive to personally and communally commit yourselves in making *Laudato Si'* a reality, and in this way, you are taking up your responsibility in the call to *integral ecology* - a call inspired by the Holy Spirit and taken up by Pope Francis as a “sign of the times” to respond to and act in favour of *the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.

I am aware that both US Provinces (Holy Cross & St. Paul of the Cross) have been active in issues related to climate, environment and social justice. I commend you for this active engagement with life issues which challenge us to respond from the standpoint of our Passionist charism and mission. I hope that the fruits of your reflection and action can be shared with the wider Congregation.

I also commend the Passionist Solidarity Network for taking the lead role in working with the various entities of the Provinces and coordinating the collaboration of the US Passionist *Laudato Si' Action Platform* in conjunction with the wider Congregation program: *Passion of the Earth – Wisdom of the Cross*.

I wish you every blessing in your meeting on 2nd December. In this time of Advent, as you pray: “*Come, Lord Jesus*”, may you be attentive to the Lord’s presence and respond to the path he is unfolding before us.

With fraternal best wishes,



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