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A RESOLUTION CALLING TO ENROLL IN THE *LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM*

Whereas, caring for our common home is an essential priority for pursuing the common good according to the tenants of [Catholic Social Tradition](#);

Whereas, “The [University of Notre Dame](#) seeks to contribute to a transition to a cleaner future where the burdens of change are equitably borne and not simply sloughed off to the poor and powerless”;

Whereas, Holy Father Pope Francis, in his encyclical [Laudato Si](#), reminds us that everything is connected; that decisive action is urgent and necessary to pursue renewal and combat the climate crisis; that we are called to a new way of living that is good, true, and beautiful; and that we need to adopt a loving awareness as we share and act in the world;

Whereas, the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#) invites organizations including individuals, families, parishes, dioceses, schools, universities, hospitals, businesses, and other communities to respond to the ecological crisis through seven goals: response to the cry of the Earth, response to the cry of the poor, ecological economics, adoption of sustainable lifestyles, ecological education, ecological spirituality, and community resilience and empowerment;

Whereas, these goals provide a multifaceted approach to challenge the “complex crisis that is both social and environmental”;

Whereas, the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#) gives organizations the flexibility to create their own plan for pursuing each of these goals, which creates space for both global collaboration and local solutions;

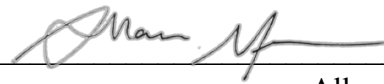
Whereas, the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#) offers resources to aid in planning, including but not limited to example plans, investment and banking guidelines, prayer videos and reflections, and the [University Pathways](#) program, which provides a guidebook specifically for Universities who commit to taking up the challenge to do “the more” to heal the Earth;

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*Whereas, [nearly 200 catholic organizations](#), including many educational institutions worldwide have made a commitment as partners to the *Laudato Si Action Platform*;*

Whereas, becoming a partner for the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#) offers an opportunity to engage in a worldwide Catholic community and act as a leader as we work, “united in the Holy Spirit,” towards the shared goal of caring for our common home; therefore, be it;

Resolved, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that the University of Notre Dame should enroll as a partner for the Laudato Si Action Platform offered by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and, following its guidelines, formulate an appropriate plan to promote the seven goals of the platform over the next seven years.



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