

**U.S. PROVINCE
PUBLIC STANCE ON
CLIMATE CHANGE
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The School Sisters of St. Francis believe that we are called to protect the vitality and diversity of the sacred web of life. This urgent call compels us to act individually, communally, systemically on behalf of the Earth, the community of life, and all future generations who make their home on our Mother Earth.



Action Statements

1. Reducing our carbon footprint and encouraging others to do the same in our homes, places of work, institutions where we have influence, and in our civic and interfaith communities
2. Educating ourselves, family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues about climate change and its negative impact on our habitats and finding ways to address the related challenges.
3. Working for systemic change and developing awareness on behalf of the Earth.
4. Supporting responsible legislation that protects the environment and the community of life.
5. Re-committing to responsibly investing in sustainable energy policies and environmentally responsible corporate practices.
6. Promoting justice for those who are unduly impacted by climate change, especially the poor and disenfranchised.
7. Encouraging young women to move into energy, mining and related fields where they can work to alleviate climate change.