## **ECO-ACTION FOR THE WEEK**

October 8, 2021 – Actions for Our Own Dear Planet

As we complete this 175th celebration year, I thank each one who has read this year's suggestions and taken the actions recommended. I am deeply grateful to Mary Ann Buckley, Colleen Carroll, Kathleen Dullea, Sam Strike, Donna Fisher, and to the sisters at Holy Child Center who kept this project in their prayers. Your generous responses have enriched my life. Blessings to all those whose input throughout this year has been invaluable to me. Terri MacKenzie

- **Continue to deepen** your awareness that God lives and acts in all creation; rejoice in that divine presence.
- **Remain hopeful!** We are among many individuals, groups, businesses, organizations even countries! who are working for a better future. But even without numbers: "... a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.
- **Participate** in the Laudato Si' Action Platform: <u>https://laudatosiactionplatform.org</u>, especially with parish or diocesan projects. The enrollment period begins November 14.
- **Pray** daily for the overwhelming success of COP 26 [Conference of the Parties], scheduled for November 1 12, 2021, in Glasgow, Scotland. Given the UN's Red Alert for humanity, the stakes couldn't be higher.
- **Continue to contact** your legislators regularly, asking them to sponsor bills that protect and improve Earth's systems and inhabitants.

We end this year's project with words from two Laudato Si' paragraphs:

"Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest." par. 13

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." par. 244

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