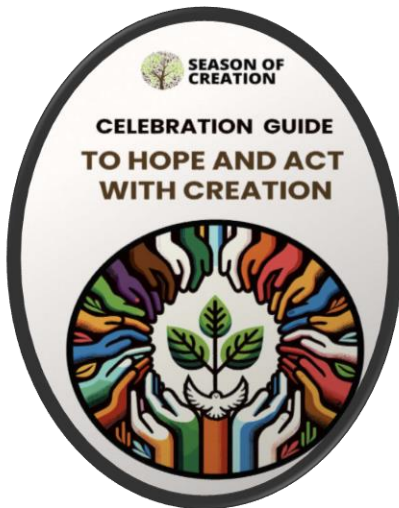


**December 2024 SCNY Office of
Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation Update**

**Season of Creation
2024**



After reflecting on the Declaration of Interdependence developed by the children at Strawtown Studio's Summer Camp in Nyack, the sisters named elements they would want in their Declaration. Both drafts are developed from the Sisters' Season of Creation prayer rituals at the Convent, Kittay and St. Patrick Villa during the Season of Creation.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

The first draft has the actual words of sisters; the second draft takes the liberty of expanding on the meaning of their words.

*A Declaration of
Interdependence:
**Imagining What A Sisters
of Charity Declaration
Might Be – What Will Yours
Be?***

We invite you to reflect on the two Declarations. If helpful, use the following to guide your reflection:

What might a Sisters of Charity Declaration of Interdependence look like?

What sentences or phrases inspire you or call you to action? In what way? If you wish, imagine what you might include in your personal Declaration of Interdependence!



DRAFT 1

We Sisters of Charity are committed to Hope and Act with Creation. Conscious of our deep relationship with all Creation, we give thanks for Creation who teaches us to wonder. We give thanks for unique gifts and talents. We recognize the importance of

- listening and being willing to listen
- cooperating
- connecting in love.

We show concern and compassion through attitudes and actions that embrace respect, reverence, curiosity, creativity, sharing, joy, gratitude and hope!

We pray and act to stop injustices like sexism and racism. We commit to being peacemakers and to collaborating with and for all our Earth Community.

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## ***DRAFT 2***

We must all be concerned about human suffering wherever it arises and the state of the earth if we are to live in awareness of interdependence and interact with the world around us. To Hope and Act with Creation, we serve our Earth and those in need with compassion, humility, and a deep reverence for the interconnectedness of all life. There is a call to emphasize values like creativity, reverence, open heartedness, becoming, love, concern, respect, gratitude, joy, and awe. Some of these values:

### **Creativity**

- Recognize the divine spark in all creation
- Celebrate the endless potential for growth and transformation
- Embrace new ways of thinking and problem-solving

## Reverence

- Honor the sacredness of the natural world
- Approach each person and situation with deep respect
- Cultivate a humble, contemplative spirit

## Open Heart

- Seek to understand diverse perspectives with empathy
- Welcome all with a spirit of radical acceptance
- Foster connections that transcend differences

## Becoming

- Acknowledge that we are always in a state of co-creation
- Commit to ongoing personal and collective growth

## Love

- Extend compassion, kindness, and care to all
- Recognize our profound interdependence

## Gratitude

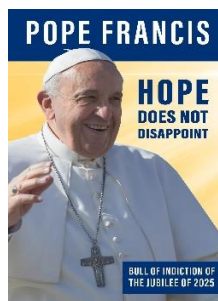
- Cultivate a mindset of thankfulness and appreciation of beauty & abundance all around us
- Recognize our interconnectedness as a source of joy and wonder

By upholding these values, we will unite as humanity, foster deeper connections, and work collectively towards a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

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The theme for the 2025 Catholic Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”. The Jubilee will last from December 24, 2024 to January 6, 2026. What action calls you to be a pilgrim of hope? Learn more [here](#).

*“Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it.”* – from the Papal “Bull of Indiction” document found [here](#).



For additional reading, Pope Francis' book, **Hope Does Not Disappoint**, is available [here](#).