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Dominican Sisters of Peace Decry Decision to Withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord

Columbus, OH – The Dominican Sisters of Peace issued a statement decrying the decision of President Trump to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Accord stating the decision will ultimately affect the poor and those least able to cope with climate adaptation.

“Research shows that climate change is already damaging our planet and disproportionately harming the poor through weather –related disasters such as flooding and hurricanes,” Sr. Pat Twohill, OP, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace said. “Climate change will ultimately affect food production, create water crisis and increase mosquito borne diseases. By putting political interests before the global common good, this decision alienates the United States and tarnishes its role as a global leader.”

During the President’s recent meeting with Pope Francis, the Pope gave President Trump a copy of his encyclical *Laudato Si’* and encouraged him to protect the Earth and remain in the Paris Climate Accord. “As Catholics, we are called to care for God’s creation and protect the poor and vulnerable,” said Sr. Pat.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, whose 484 members and 600 Associates serve in 24 states, Nigeria and Peru, are committed to reducing the impact of global climate change. The sisters support actions, programs, and legislation on all levels to protect Earth’s climate, with particular concern for the negative impact affecting the lives of the poor.

Numerous companies, cities, and even states have vowed to uphold the commitment to the Paris Accord despite the President’s decision. **The Dominican Sisters of Peace call on President Trump to reconsider his decision, which, if implemented, will have long-term negative effects on the health of the planet.** The Paris Accord is necessary to bring together the nations of the world in order to combat climate change.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, members of the international Order of Preachers, are vowed Catholic Sisters who strive to live a life of peace-making. Their headquarters are in Columbus, OH. A fundamental commitment they make is to foster all of life and advocate for just policies and decisions to reduce the impact of global climate change. For more information visit <https://oppeace.org/climate-change-2/>

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