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Statement of Adrian Dominican Sisters on White House Decision to Withdraw from Paris Climate Agreement

June 1, 2017, Adrian, Michigan – *The General Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters issued the following statement in response to President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.*

President Trump's decision today to pull the United States out of the historic Paris Climate Agreement is politically, economically, and morally indefensible.

It diminishes our standing as a world leader, aligning us with Syria and Nicaragua as the only non-signatories to the landmark accord signed in December 2015 by 195 nations. It blunts our competitive edge in an emerging renewable-energy based global economy. And it threatens to condemn Earth, our common home, and future generations to potentially catastrophic climate change.

We Adrian Dominican Sisters intend to redouble our efforts, in union with concerned people around the world, to help create the "new and universal solidarity" that Pope Francis calls for in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, and "cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation." (14)

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The Dominican Sisters of Adrian, a Congregation of about 645 vowed women religious and more than 200 Associates, traces its roots back to St. Dominic in the 13th century. The Sisters minister in 22 states and in four other nations: the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Norway, and the Philippines. The Congregation's Vision is to "seek truth, make peace, reverence life."