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## Statement of Adrian Dominican Sisters on U.S. Withdrawal from Iran Nuclear Deal

**May 8, 2018** -- *The General Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters has issued the following statement in response to President Donald Trump's decision on May 8, 2018, to withdraw from the Iran Nuclear Deal.*

The Adrian Dominican Sisters decry the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw the United States from the Iran nuclear deal. Despite its flaws, the multilateral deal is widely recognized as having achieved its goal of preventing Iran from continuing to develop its nuclear weapons capacity.

This imprudent, destabilizing action not only threatens to bring back the specter of a nuclear-armed Iran, but also further isolates the United States from global leadership, raises tensions among allies, and sows discord among adversaries.

"Blessed are the peacemakers!" (*Mt 5:9*)

As women of faith, we call upon our nation's elected leaders to act judiciously to mitigate the deleterious effects of this decision. May their actions be, as the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land." (*Isaiah 32:2*)

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*Members of the Adrian Dominican Sisters General Council are: Sister Patricia Siemen, OP, Prioress; Sister Mary Margaret Pachucki, OP, Vicarress and General Councilor; Sister Frances Nadolny, OP, Administrator and General Councilor; and Sisters Patricia Harvat, OP, and Elise D. García, OP, General Councilors.*

*The Dominican Sisters of Adrian, a Congregation of about 610 vowed women religious and more than 200 Associates, traces its roots to St. Dominic in the 13th century. The Sisters minister in 22 states and in the Dominican Republic, Norway, Mexico, and the Philippines. The Congregation's Vision is to "seek truth, make peace, reverence life."*