



## Statement Regarding Single-Use Plastics

We, the Sisters of St. Francis, Sojourners, Associates, and Employees, as part of our Laudato Si' Action Plan, will reduce single use plastics. We will do this by:

1. making deliberate efforts to use reusable shopping bags.
2. refraining from use of plastic bottles and straws and encouraging the use of plastic alternatives when away from home.
3. bringing our own reusable takeaway containers with us when we go out for meals away from home or asking for non-plastic alternatives.

Possible methods of accomplishing this plan include:

1. ensuring that each car has two reusable grocery bags in the back seat so that they are easily accessible and readily seen. Convenience of access helps us to remember to use these bags instead of relying on the bags provided by stores.
2. drinking from reusable water bottles, recyclable pop cans, and asking restaurant employees to serve drinks in washable/reusable vessels instead of plastic cups. We can also ask the servers not to bring straws with our beverages.
3. keeping a reusable food container in the car to have available when going out to dinner. We can also call ahead to ask what methods restaurants use to package food and choose to patronize establishments that have more sustainable options available to their customers.

We will continue to research and investigate new alternatives to the plastics we are using in our daily lives.