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**Provincials of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity  
of the Good Shepherd in the USA  
Condemn False Reporting of Climate Strike**

*"The earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among  
the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor" ~ ~ Pope Francis*

Considering the serious threat to humanity due to climate change, the Provincials of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd in the USA condemn the false reporting of the Climate Strike by Laura Ingraham on the Fox News Channel on September 23, 2019. Rather than attempt to rebut the climate change arguments, she chose to mock the activists, mostly younger people, and described the Climate Strike as "Climate Change Hysteria," "Climate Cult," and "Climate Change is Socialism with a New Face."

We provide services for children and youth who experience trauma. As a Congregation, we are called to listen to the voices of young children and adults, and we find that such criticism does not respect their dignity.

Not content with simply mocking the young activists, Ingraham shared her scorn for Pope Francis and his concern for the environment. In her attacks on the activists and on Pope Francis, at no time did she present any reasoned rebuttals except to repeat the fossil fuel lobby's line that climate is always changing and there is no reason for alarm.

While Ingraham mocks those who raise the alarm, we already are experiencing the effects of climate change. We have more frequent days of extreme heat, rising seas and increased coastal flooding, longer and more damaging wildfire seasons, and more destructive hurricanes.

"It is sad that some choose to dismiss climate change as some insidious plot rather than recognize the need to respond to a crisis that threatens all of us," said Sr. Madeleine Munday, RGS, Good Shepherd Provincial of the Province of Mid-North America.

Sr. Francisca Aguilón, RGS, Good Shepherd Provincial of the Province of Central South said, "Poor people are the first to bear the brunt of climate change. While some may still deny its reality, those who have lost their homes to flooding or other disasters do not have that luxury."

"We know beyond a reasonable doubt that climate change is happening," said Sr. Maureen McGowan, RGS, Good Shepherd Provincial of the Province of New York. "As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a moral obligation to act and to act now."

*[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.*

*The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and the Sisters are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.*

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