

The logo for the Mercy Earth Challenge. It features the words "MERCY", "EARTH", and "CHALLENGE" stacked vertically in a bold, green, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a colorful, stylized flower or sunburst icon with six petals in shades of green, yellow, orange, red, purple, and blue. A small globe is integrated into the center of the flower. The entire logo is set against a white background with green diagonal accents in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

# MERCY EARTH CHALLENGE

*Many intensive forms of environmental exploitation and degradation not only exhaust the resources which provide local communities with their livelihood, but also undo the social structures which, for a long time, shaped cultural identity and their sense of the meaning of life and community. (Laudato Si #145).*

This week we lament the impact of the extraction of natural resources on Earth and on humans' health, way of life and cultural and spiritual identities.

The Sisters of Mercy accompany indigenous peoples and other communities experiencing harms from mining, oil and gas exploration, massive hydroelectric dams, industrial agricultural and other forms of exploitation of the land and local waterways. Too often, communities' protests are met by oppression and violation of their human rights.

We invite you to:

- Join the Catholic Climate Covenant in a [meditation on creation](#) and on how our actions and neglect threaten Earth, our common home
- Learn from examples of extractivism over the past 500 years in a [bilingual timeline](#)
- [Register to participate](#) in some of the Laudato Si Week activities, May 16-24, hosted by the Vatican and the Global Catholic Climate Movement