

Palazzo San Calisto, 13 February 2024

Dear Cardinal Bo and members of the Federation of Asian Bishop's Conference:

The peace of Christ!

With very great joy and gratitude, we want to acknowledge and thank you and your many collaborators who are working for the care for creation throughout the dioceses represented by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference. The participation of 21 Asian dioceses that have currently signed on to the Laudato Si' Action Platform and are working towards their Laudato Si' Goals is an excellent response to Pope Francis' calls in *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum* for the global community to begin a journey toward integral ecology. A special thanks is extended in particular to Bishop Allwyn D'Silva for his leadership and inspiring involvement in this work.

As we continue to navigate through these times of environmental urgency, we know that the work is just beginning, the time is urgent, and a much greater level of action is needed to meet our challenges. As Pope Francis says in Laudato Si', "*The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.*" (LS 161)

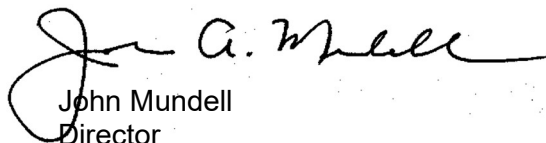
With this in mind, we wish to extend a warm and heartfelt invitation to all of the FABC members to explore the opportunities and pathways offered by enrolling each diocese, parish, diocesan school and others in the Platform. Since its launch in May 2021, thousands of Catholic institutions and families have joined the Platform, including nearly 200 dioceses, 450 parishes, 1,000 schools, 200 universities, 1200 religious congregations and communities, and 4,000 families. More information about how to enrol and further actions is available at www.LaudatoSiActionPlatform.org.

The FABC is helping the whole Church to face the global climate crisis. In addition, we gratefully recognize your many courageous and resolute efforts to uplift the dignity of the human person and care for the least and marginalized, including vulnerable migrants displaced from their homes. May you continue to couple integral human development with care for our common home, and may God abundantly bless the efforts of everyone in the FABC working hard to bring the Gospel to society!

Sending heartfelt and prayerful greetings for a holy and blessed season of Lent!



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