

**VI INTERNATIONAL UNIFAS CONFERENCE
THEME: "SERVANTS OF MARY AND CARE OF CREATION
Rio de Janeiro RJ – July 7-14, 2010-07-13**

**The Family of the Servants of Mary
seeks a common response in the care of creation**

PREAMBLE

The Family of the Servants of Mary gathered together in Rio de Janeiro, July 7-14, 2010, through representatives of 28 countries, to reflect together about: "The Servants of Mary and Care of creation.

We recognize that God gave human beings dominion over all creation, which means care, love and protection not exploitation and destruction.

We recognize that the vocation of human beings is to serve God in caring for creation, as indicated in Gen. 2:15 (Human beings were placed in the Garden of Eden to care for, that is, to serve the earth) and for us, as Servite Family, to serve is a word of the Order and the testimony that we should give to the world as Church.

We want to live this service of care of creation drawing inspiration from our Mother, Mary, she who carried in her womb the One whom neither the sky nor the earth could contain.

We want to educate ourselves to defend life and to generate hope promoting, in context in which we live, the work of the life-giving Spirit.

We, the Family of Servants of Mary, commit ourselves to:

1. Learn more and make known to others the varied experiences of the Servite Family in defense of the Amazon forest; supporting the project of a "Jubilee for the Amazon" (10 years without deforestation), and projects of alternative developments in the use of wood, raising awareness (consciouness) in our different countries not to consume wood that come from the Amazon.
2. To form a small group, representative of the Servite Family, to be named by the Unifas Council, to animate a global conversation and exchange of ideas, information and resources among Servants of Mary in relation with the care of creation.
3. Share the message of this Congress with the various groups of the Family of Servites, to which we belong, by means of National Unifas, Chapters, meetings and to express the care of creation in our prayer, our work and our style of life.
4. In four years to report back to the next Unifas Conference what progress we have realized in achieving these commitments.