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Care for Our Common Home

RNDM News

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide news of RNDM involvement in actions and activities related to our ministry of Caring for Our Common Home.

Celebrating the Season of Creation—Kenyan Province

“Creation waits with eager longing for revealing of the children of God!” these are words of St Paul to the Romans. Reflecting on this passage, and seeing where we are as a Province with the care of our common home, we see the hope and the growing consciousness of us as individuals and communities. Even though our commitment and capacities differ, it is our prayer that this growth may be instilled in the minds of all our sisters.

The season of creation falls in the driest season in Kenya. It is the time when farmers especially are clearing the land and planting new seeds waiting for the rains. **Mbajone community (Meru)** marked this celebration of the season by prayer as they gathered in the farm ready for planting their seeds. Schola wrote; “as we began our work, we were reminded of the goodness and mercy of God, in Matt 20:4, ‘You also go into my vineyard,’ he said, ‘and I will pay you whatever is right.’ That was an invitation God is calling us to. A reminder that, it is not too late to go to his vineyard and do something. We are still in the timeframe to care and protect the environment”.



The **Formation house (Machakos)** on the other had have been blessed to have a dam where irrigation can be done for the garden to flourish. Our Postulants and Novices were involved in this process of planting and watering the tender plants. This is a good reflection of the community. The young women growing in embracing our charism need care and nurturing as these tender seedlings grow. It is very important that the spirit of care of our common home is instilled in the early days of formation.

The **Matuu Mission Health Center** is a facility which has grown immensely in a span of a few years. Due to limited space, the Sisters working there have been committed in recycling some plastic buckets and planting flowers. The spaces left in the compound have been properly utilized by planting trees both for fruit and shade. Visiting the place today one can feel that welcoming beauty and a serene experience. Our mother earth needs care and protection as we appreciate the providence she offers to us all.



Utume community (Nairobi) tirelessly recycles water for the flower garden during the dry season. The environment is ever welcoming as the beauty greets you as you enter. Rain water harvesting has also helped in sustainability since the vegetable garden is ever producing. Faithfully they keep the weekly day of prayer for the needs of our mother earth .

We thank God that we have this opportunity not only to listen to Gods word, but to live it faithfully as stewards because it comes with responsibility. Euphrasie reminds us; “if you can plant more fruit trees where the soil is better, do so, without putting yourself to too much inconvenience and do not allow any more trees to be cut down unless you hear from me to the contrary.”

(365 Days with Euphrasie Barbier, June 13).