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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.

### *Good news story from India North East*



At the core of the RNDM postulants' formation is a profound commitment to the values of sustainability, stewardship, and care for our common home—Earth. In alignment with our Congregation's mission to honor and care for creation, the postulants actively engage in hands-on activities that strengthen their connection to nature while also contributing to the well-being of the environment.

Every day, the ten postulants look forward to the time set aside in their schedule for caring for the earth. Their daily activities include planting seasonal vegetables and flowers that beautify their surroundings. These plants are nurtured with care, using natural fertilizers and sustainable practices to promote growth. The garden, which grows fresh organic produce for their community, is a testament to their dedication to environmental sustainability. One postulant shares, "I feel comfortable to be one with the mud, as this reminds me of my childhood days playing in the mud."

The postulants also engage in composting and manure-making, recycling kitchen scraps into rich, chemical-free compost that nourishes their garden. This practice not only reduces waste but also creates a more sustainable cycle of growth and renewal. By turning organic waste into a resource, the postulants learn to value every part of creation, seeing even discarded items as gifts that can be transformed into something life-giving. Another postulant reflects, "I am glad to see the plants growing under my care," expressing the satisfaction and joy that comes from seeing their efforts bear fruit.

Their care for Mother Earth is deeply rooted in their understanding of its spiritual and ethical significance. The postulants are fully aware that the health of the planet is not only a global concern but also a personal responsibility. They have embraced the importance of ecological justice, recognizing that by caring for creation, they are honoring God's work and ensuring the future sustainability of the earth for generations to come. "Watering the plants helps me realize the value of water," another postulant says, highlighting how even simple tasks contribute to a deeper understanding of nature's precious resources.



In addition to their personal responsibility, the postulants are grateful to be part of a Congregation that has made care for the earth a communal commitment. The Congregation's emphasis on sustainability reflects a shared value that extends across the global community, fostering a collective effort to honor and protect the environment. This commitment is not only a communal endeavor but also a deeply personal one, with each postulant taking responsibility for their own actions in caring for the earth.