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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 South

Caring for Our Common Home – A Journey from Mariam Nilaya Novitiate, Bangalore

We are delighted to share our journey of caring for our common home from Mariam Nilaya Novitiate, Bangalore. One of the priorities we deeply cherish here is nurturing a sense of responsibility and love for Mother Earth. It is both heart-warming and inspiring to witness young women cultivating a profound reverence for creation. Their simple, sincere actions remind us that caring for the Earth is not just a duty it is a joyful expression of faith, gratitude, and hope for the future.

As part of our formation, we read and reflect on *Laudato Si'* and the concept of integral ecology presented by Late Pope Francis.



We also engage with newsletters from our congregation focused on care for our common home (CCH). These readings help deepen our understanding and strengthen our commitment to ecological living. Each day, we dedicate one hour to working in the garden watering the plants and enriching the soil with manure. This daily practice not only fosters plant growth but also instil in us a sense of environmental stewardship.

Every Wednesday, we devote extra time to activities that support the Earth. We clean the garden area, plant vegetables and fruit trees such as papaya, apple, sapota, and oranges, and nurture a variety of flowers. We also repot plants to ensure

they have the space and nutrients they need to thrive.

On Saturdays, we spend two hours working in the garden. This extended time allows us to connect more deeply with nature through planting, maintenance, and composting activities. These hands-on experiences reinforce our relationship with the land and life around us.



Mindful of our water usage, we collect the water used for washing utensils and reuse it for watering plants and fruit trees. This simple act of conservation helps reduce water waste and encourages thoughtful resource use.

In our efforts to minimize waste, we ferment fruit and vegetable peels to create compost. This natural fertilizer nourishes the soil and promotes healthy plant growth. Moreover, we are committed to avoiding food waste. Any leftovers are either reused creatively or composted ensuring that nothing goes to waste.

Well done! to our novices.