



## Care for Common Home Newsletter RNDM

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 from Canada:

#### Care for our Common Home - Canadian Province

During the summer break, we had the privilege of taking a cosmology class with Sr. Veronica Dunn and other sisters who shared their experiences. It was an education for life, allowing us to learn about the history of the Province, the lives of the four Mothers who planted the seeds of faith, and the other members who have passed on. Visiting their graves helps us connect with Mother Earth, reminding us that we are part of this planet we call home. We have inherited their spirituality and mission, which continue to guide us today.

Learning about cosmology is essential for celebrating and caring for our common home. It leads us to explore the deepest mysteries of the universe, where we learn to nurture and be nurtured in this precious world. The Earth is a vast community of life.

#### Celebrate the Season of Creation

Eucharistic celebration on Truth and Reconciliation with people, land and earth. On September 15th, St. Kateri Church honored the survivors of residential schools with a blessing of a memorial blanket featuring the names of dozens of survivors from our parish and those connected to us, both living and deceased. The blanket is displayed in the church throughout the month beside the teepee (tabernacle) with the names of those we wish to remember in prayer.

The altar has been adorned with the Seven Sacred Teachings of Indigenous Spirituality: Love, Respect, Humility, Bravery, Wisdom, Honesty, and Truth. Symbols like the glove and other elements are included to honor the sacredness of the Earth.

At the entrance to the sanctuary, parishioners participated by tracing their hands on colored paper, writing their names, and hanging them on a board to form the logo "To Hope and Act with Creation," accompanied by the prayer:

*Sacred Creation, Sacred the Land,  
Sacred the Water, Sacred the Sky.*

*Holy and True,  
Sacred all life, each other,  
All reflect God who is Good.*



*"Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results." (Laudato Si', 160)*