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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 Kenya

CARE OF THE COMMON HOME

As the seasons change and we face the reality of the harsh effects of global warming, this is the rainy season in Kenya. The rains found the grounds dry and longing to be quenched. In preparation of the rains, some of us had planted and nurtured new seeds and seedlings awaiting for the natural watering for them to grow. The dryness of the land symbolized our longing for God and as St Augustine said *'Our hearts are restless til they find rest in God'* we continue to experience the seasons in our relationship with God.



I do appreciate the fact that many of our sisters have responded to the call for the care of our common home. There are practical ways in which we can evidently see and feel that the longing for change is there. I cannot deny that the effect of global warming is catching up with our country as we experience drought in most parts of the country and as of now we are experiencing floods due to poor infrastructure and logging in most of the forests in Kenya. It can be disheartening and demoralizing in having a temptation to say, "What impact can one tree I plant have on a country or the world?" but the fact is it does. I believe that the change begins with me.

Let us continue to care for our mother earth in our little ways and as our late Pope Francis said: *"There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself"*, I feel that what we need as RNDMs a personal conscious renewal of heart and in action a self conviction that we can do it. This will lead into our positive action



As I touch the Earth with Gentleness
She reminds me of a mothers care
A mother in immensity of Gods love
I feel Gods presence in all that is
Where else can I search for you O God?
I see you in the rising and setting sun
I see you in the chirping birds and hens
I see you in all creeping insects and creatures
I thank you for all is a blessing and gift
I pray for the grace to nurture and care
To be a presence of healing and peace.