



# 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 PROVINCE*

### ***LISTENING TO GOD AND EARTH***

The Natural world has long been a source of inspiration, guidance and wisdom for individuals seeking a deeper connection with God. Listening to our loving God, listening to Earth invites us to slow down, observe, and listen to the way in which God is speaking through creation. Listening seems to be one of the marks of a maturity that will lead us through the loss event we are causing. Listening to God's call lets us to recognize the interconnected of all living things and how God reveals His design. Listening to Earth herself by paying attention to what is happening to her and all her children of every species, we allow ourselves to experience awe and wonder at the beauty of creation and let these experiences draw us closer to God. Hearing God's call and Listening to our own hearts the sadness of today, regret of things past, fear of the future, earth's cry, and our own hearts awaken us to conversion of spirit that rousts our indifference and changes our behaviours.

Mother Earth gives us everything we need for our survival, provides space for the plants, animals, fish, water, birds, trees, rocks, soil, insects, and human beings. Human beings have determined that they are at the top of the pyramid of life and that everything on Mother Earth is there for them, but sadly humans also have decided they do not have to do anything for those other beings. Mother Earth provides the plants, animals, birds, and fish who give their lives to feed and clothe human beings, while the trees, plants, and soil provide us with shelter, warmth, and a way to grow some of our foods. The insects ensure that our plants are pollinated and assist with their growth.

Water, a vital part of all life on Mother Earth, has been abundant and fresh for centuries for all beings in need of the life-giving substance.

Like an ideal mother, Earth does not hold a grudge to revenge us for the destruction we do to it but gives us freely all that the human being needs. Once the destruction stops, recovery begins. Some dry lakes come back to life, flooded land recovers, and even forests irradiated show signs of new shots. Although some damage is beyond hope, we continue to look to the future of our mother earth with hope for our further survival and for our young generations. Holding no grudge toward our enemies but learn to love everyone equally. All we ever need is our mother earth, without it we are dead on this planet.

The good way is to find balance with everything in creation by constantly reflecting on our physical, emotional, spiritual, mental, and social balance at personal, family, community, and National levels. The earth needs each person to be in balance in order to help the family, community, Nation and maintain our interconnectedness with all in creation.

Yes, that's a lot to pay attention to, but it is necessary for Mother Earth and all our relationships. Reflecting on the earth can provide a powerful reminder of God's presence, wisdom, and love. Let's create interest to bring up and sustain our mother earth which provides us with everything from our loving God.

