St. Alfonso Maria Fusco Home

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**LAUDATO SI’ REFLECTION**

We are the Congregation of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist (CSSJB). It was founded by St. Alfonso Maria Fusco in the southern part of Italy and in particular Angri, Salerno. While the Congregation was founded in 1878 only in 1983 that the Philippine Vice-Province was instituted.

The Congregation was established to respond to the needs of the poor (Const. n. 24) and in the exercise of our ministries, we give preference to the poor wherever they call us (Const. n. 4). […] the imitation of Christ calls us to live a simple life […] (Const. n. 17).

In our recently concluded XVIII General Chapter, we have committed in the joy of taking care of the human person and creation in response to the cry of the Poor and the groan of Creation. Moreover, we consciously engage to the invitation of Pope Francis to be supportive and operative in promoting social friendship, universal fraternity and the care and protection of creation.

Laudato Si’ Goals

Our local community, the *St. Alfonso Maria Fusco Home* started a year ago, caters to the economically-deprived and marginalized boys by giving them access to education, wholistic formation and spaces to attend to their dreams at the service of life and of common good.

The structure is built in a 5-hectare land. We are continuing the legacy of St. Alfonso Maria Fusco, our Founder who was a third order of the Franciscans and shared the love of St. Francis in caring the poor as well as his kinship with all creation.

We engage in living a more sustainable lifestyle: sober humble lifestyle dedicated to service, paying attention to essentials, both on personal and corporate level. We produced our own food: fruits, vegetables, and protein.

As a Congregation, we adopt a socially responsible investment policy.

We started with three of the Laudato Si’ goals, we end up addressing almost all the rest even if it is still in the initial stage. Indeed, everything is connected!

Conclusion

This ecological crisis calls for profound ecological conversion and spirituality capable of inspiring us, motivating, nourishing and giving meaning to our individual and community activity. To bring every sister, every recipient of our ministry, and collaborator of the community onboard, we will mindfully engage in a more organized communication, formation, networking, and animation/action as the JPIC commission has modelled for us. They are paramount to our personal conversion that would lead us to act together, assuring that no one is left behind.

The initial desire to be counted as one of the critical mass of people shaping a true ecological revolution and saving our common home is now a commitment, through our enrollment in the Laudato Si’ Action Platform, to contribute in moving toward total sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology.

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