

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION: ASSUMPTA TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL'S LAUDATO SI' JOURNEY

In the intricate web of life, we are all interconnected, relying on each other for sustenance and survival. The well-being of one organism hinges on the actions of another—a reminder of the delicate balance that binds all life forms.

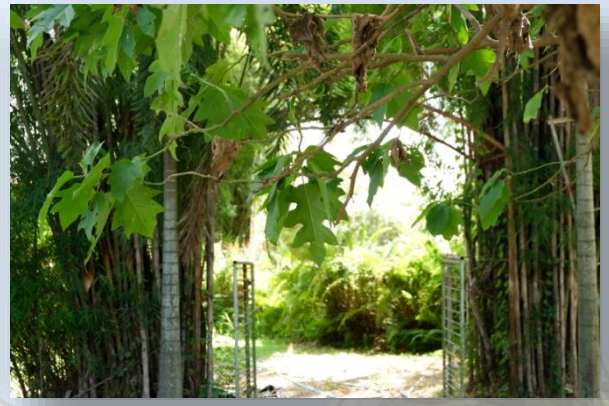
Within the web of life, collaboration is paramount. We must work with and for one another, recognizing that our survival and the survival of the environment depend on the actions we take to preserve life.

These perspectives compel us, as a school community, to place care for creation at the heart of the school's ethos and daily life. This is expressed in one of our Core Values: Stewardship, embodying the understanding that, as inhabitants of Mother Earth, we bear the responsibility of safeguarding and conserving its precious resources. We are fundamentally accountable for our actions and their impact on our environment, and this accountability guides our collective endeavor to nurture and protect God's creation.

The school's journey towards becoming a Laudato Si' School has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on the path that we have been traversing in continuously appreciating the wonders of God's creation and in deepening our commitment to protect and preserve these.

Appreciating earth's marvels moves us to be deeply grateful for our school environment that is surrounded by verdant greens, making the campus conducive to learning.



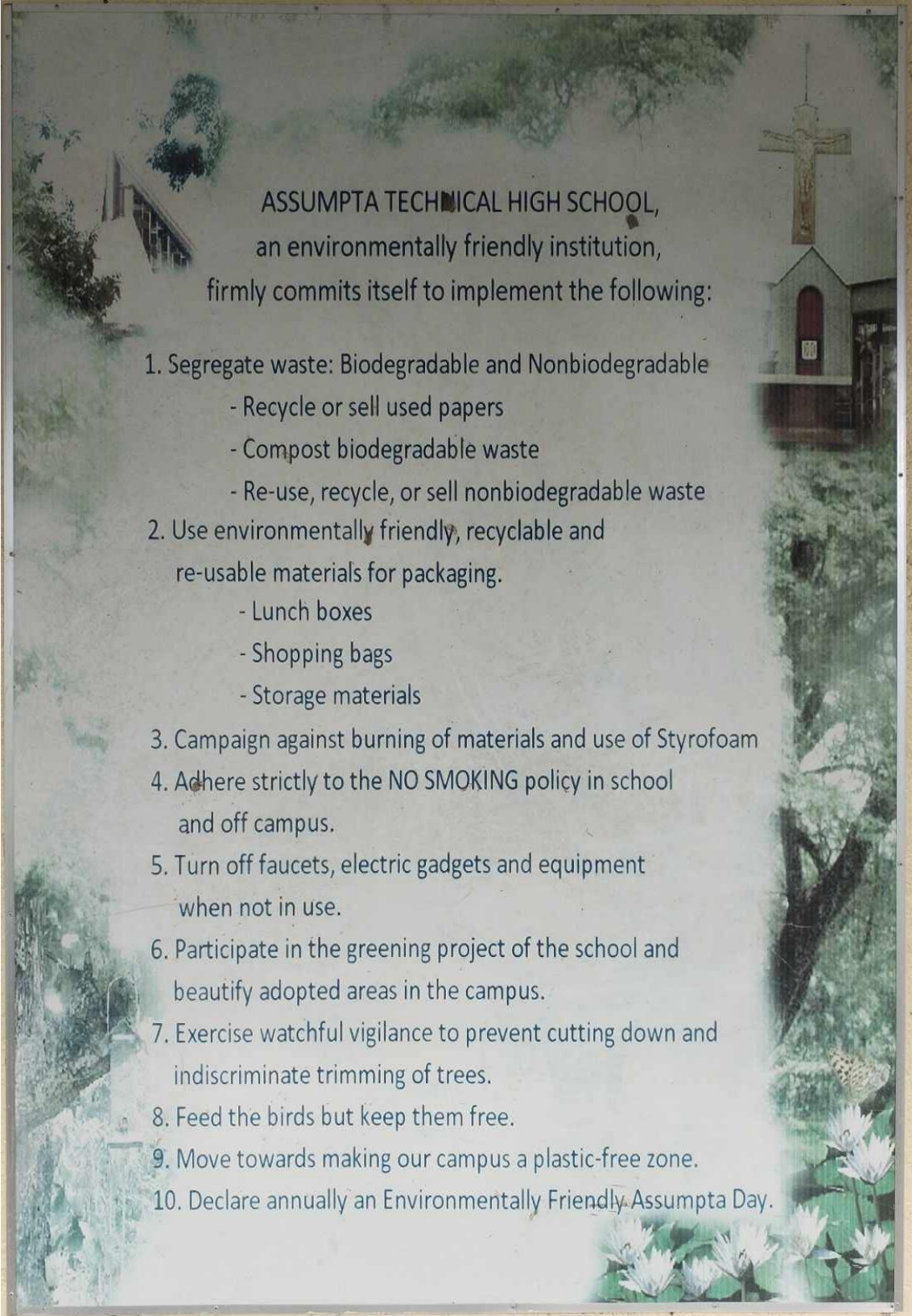


Deepening our commitment to protect and preserve the beauty of nature and to respond to the many ecological problems at present compelled us to take the following efforts:

Establishment of the Assumpta Council for Ecology



Creation of Assumpta Ecology Program with its 10- Point Agenda



ASSUMPTA TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL,
an environmentally friendly institution,
firmly commits itself to implement the following:

1. Segregate waste: Biodegradable and Nonbiodegradable
 - Recycle or sell used papers
 - Compost biodegradable waste
 - Re-use, recycle, or sell nonbiodegradable waste
2. Use environmentally friendly, recyclable and re-usable materials for packaging.
 - Lunch boxes
 - Shopping bags
 - Storage materials
3. Campaign against burning of materials and use of Styrofoam
4. Adhere strictly to the NO SMOKING policy in school and off campus.
5. Turn off faucets, electric gadgets and equipment when not in use.
6. Participate in the greening project of the school and beautify adopted areas in the campus.
7. Exercise watchful vigilance to prevent cutting down and indiscriminate trimming of trees.
8. Feed the birds but keep them free.
9. Move towards making our campus a plastic-free zone.
10. Declare annually an Environmentally Friendly Assumpta Day.

Formation of the Waste Management Team



Formation of the Laudato Si' School Committee



Journeying towards becoming a Laudato Si' School has increased more our commitment to be responsible stewards of the earth. In taking this path, ATHS began with a profound audit of its activities and practices, aligning them with the seven goals of the program. This process allowed us to delve into our own culture of integrating love for our environment within our own mission of transformative education. Our realization is that while we have several programs aligning with the Laudato Si' Goals, these endeavors alone are insufficient to preserve the precious gifts of creation bestowed upon us.

Embracing a common direction, we aspire to implement significant actions to respond to the cry of the earth, protecting our common home for the wellbeing of all; to respond to the cry of the poor, promoting eco-justice to defend human life; to support ecological economics, achieving a balance between economic growth, social well-being, and environmental sustainability for the long-term health and survival of our planet; to adopt sustainable lifestyles, creating a more environmentally conscious society that minimizes its negative impact on the Earth; to intensify ecological education, fostering ecological awareness and transformative action; to fully live ecological spirituality, deepening our recognition of God in all creatures; and to embark on a shared journey, fostering community resilience and empowerment in taking united actions for the preservation of Mother Earth.

With these desires in our hearts, may our great creator find us faithful stewards who embrace and affirm all forms of life, extending our love not only to our fellow human beings but also to every creature and the environment that sustains us.