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# **PROVINCE RESPONSES ON MARY WARD FAMILY LIVING LAUDATO SI' 7-YEAR ACTION PLAN**



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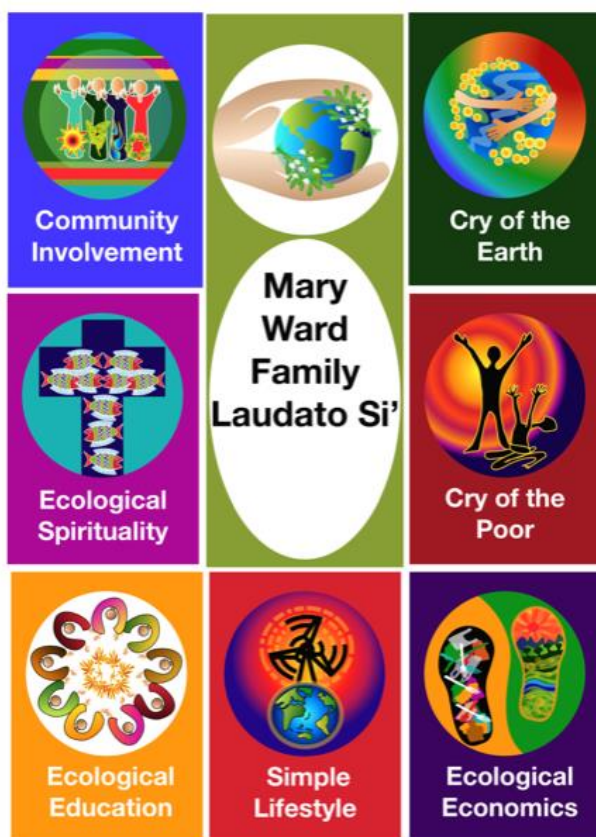
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## FOREWORD

We are happy to share with you our readers the 2022 reflections on our journey with Laudato Si' 7-year Action Plan. In this edition, you will find reflections on what is happening in our lives and mission in regard to what we are doing to protect the planet – Our Common Home. It is interesting to note that, clearly, each member has something to contribute to the 7-year plan and we have opportunities too to learn from each other. Mary Ward Family continues to find ways to live the spirit of Laudato Si' – many trees have been planted; many kitchen gardens are being nurtured; there are continued efforts to reuse, repair, re-cycle; saving water and electricity; embracing green energy; promoting human rights; community participation etc. At the end of the first year of the Laudato Si' Action Plan we count our blessings and look forward with hope. We appreciate the creativity many are using to strengthen our shared resolve to protect Mother Earth. May our efforts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Action Plan come to fruition. Jesus say *Amen*.

Rome, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022  
**Pauline Macharia IBVM and  
Adina Bălan CJ**



## IBVM ENGLISH REGION

This is the main theme of the English Region's commitment to the Laudato Si' 7-year Plan and was reiterated at our recent Regional Congregation in March 2022.

Our Community Projects include:

- An acute awareness of the need for constant prayer for our world, especially at this time for the people of Ukraine.
- A community project where a Family Fast Day each Friday results in the money saved being sent to CAFOD for families in need as a direct result of Climate Change.
- A firm commitment by all community members to continue to pray, reflect and act on the Laudato Si' 7-year Plan and to keep the issues of Climate Change as a priority in our discernment.

To celebrate the Teresa Ball Bicentenary our Leadership Team is linking with the Laudato Si' Environmental Initiative by inviting each school/college to plant a tree funded by the Region.

Loreto Sixth Form College, Manchester

Our Schools and College include:

Adapting the Laudato Si' 7-year Plan for our schools and college with specific reference to the following:

- A Sustainability Document for our schools, on which our Headteachers are currently working.
- Care for our Earth, following the Laudato Si' 7-year Plan adapted for our Schools.
- Recognizing the Status of Women and exposing the many and various forms of Child Labour.

Below is a flavour of the original and varied ways in which our schools are working. Further information will be included in the June Newsletter.

At St Mary's, Cambridge, the Eco-Committee work hard in making sure that students understand their role in the future of our world and its sustainability.

*"Our hearts and minds have always been set on making our world a kinder, safer place for all. The two Mary Ward Characteristics we are focussing on this year- 'Celebrating Women's Spirituality' and 'Seeing God in all things' have helped to underpin our efforts.*

*An example of this is our **Biophilic Classrooms** and propagation of plants – we hope to bring nature into as many classrooms as we can. We have a lush jungle in one of our Sixth Form classrooms. We hope that other classrooms can be sponsored by local businesses in the future and that students will bring in their own plants for Form rooms.”*

*St Mary’s School, Cambridge*

At the time of writing, the words ‘**Care for our Common Home**’ have taken on a cruel and disturbing significance. In contrast, these young eco warriors are taking care of their common home. The same children form a human link of solidarity with the people of Ukraine. The latter was an initiative from All Saints School in York, and it was soon taken up by Loreto Preparatory School and other Primary schools in the Northwest of England.

### **Prayer for our Common Home**

Creator of our common home,  
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life  
Forgive us for our neglect of your creation  
The choking waste of our pollution  
The damage done by careless habits  
And our indifference to future generations.  
Help us to amend our lives  
To refuse more plastic if we can’t reuse it  
To lift our voice for lasting change  
And to live well and gently on the earth.  
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word  
Through whom you made this fragile world.

Amen.

*Lizi, aged 17 (Loreto Grammar School, Altrincham)*

**Submitted by Kathryn Keigher IBVM**

## IBVM SOUTH ASIA

All IBVM Schools in India are working with four Action Goals under the supervision and guidance of Sister Prabina and her team.



### NORTH ZONE

#### ***GOAL: GENDER EQUALITY***

The Schools conducted the following activities based on Gender Equality:

- A video to spread awareness of Gender Equality was made by the students and circulated.
- A Card making competition was organized where children were motivated to draw and write slogans on Gender Equality.
- The students wrote, on a sheet, three chores done by them and their brothers.
- An Audit on Gender Equality was made by all Schools.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/WDRh7MbyMmqvmyX39>

Link shared: Online session on Gender Equality

### WEST ZONE

#### ***GOAL: WATER CONSERVATION***

Keeping the goal in mind the schools conducted the following activities: Students, parents, teachers, as well as other staff members, are also part of our endeavour.

- Under the guidance of the National team all our Loreto Schools in the South Asian Province have undertaken the Water Audit.
- The schools are working at grass root level to create awareness through assemblies, seminars, webinars, activities, video presentations, slogans, banners, boards etc. The children are being made aware of the present scenario. We hope to engage with the local NGOs to work on a wider aspect.

### CENTRAL ZONE

#### ***GOAL: ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR***

This endeavour will be achieved in a two-pronged manner:

- Firstly, each school is encouraged to take up its own activities, like special assemblies, awareness campaigns within the school campus and so on.
- Secondly and most importantly, we have initiated a collaborative venture with CRY, Child Rights and You, an NGO. An Orientation Session was conducted by CRY for JPIC animators and a team of school representatives from each School of the Central Zone.



Students and teachers will be briefed about further plans of action. One animator from each school of the other zones will also attend the session. We will work with CRY in conducting survey-based-research, campaigning, raising awareness through social media, interaction with child labourers, and so on.

## **EAST ZONE**

### ***GOAL: GREEN CAMPUS***

The schools are undertaking the following activities in this Zone:

- Schools participated in the Plastic Freedom Challenge, an initiative of the Zero Waste Himalayas campaign to quit the use of plastics and to pledge for/to keeping our hills and mountains clean.
- Our schools have taken initiatives on Earth Day, Environment Day and World Water Day for generating awareness on the restoration and conservation of the eco system through webinars, special assemblies and other activities. The students spoke with zeal and determination to protect our Earth.
- Plantation drives both inside the school campus with setting up of Rising Gardens, organic farming and green corners.
  - Turning off of electricity for at least 30 minutes to save and conserve energy.
  - Use of cotton clothes to promote sustainability.
- Bringing food in containers and not in plastic or foils to avoid single use plastics.
- Water harvesting and reuse of waste water has been taken up in the schools.
- LED bulbs are used in most schools and some schools have installed solar panels to conserve energy
- Composting and using the compost for plantation.
- Attempts are also being made to recycle paper.
- Sustainable menstruation awareness programs are held in some of our schools.
- Initiatives like carpooling are encouraged to reduce pollution as well as conserve energy.
- -Students are made aware of the ways of reducing carbon footprint through talks and webinars.
- Schools are collaborating with local NGOs to work on these projects and advocate the cause of Green Campus beyond school walls.

**Submitted by Sister Prabina IBVM, Kawaljeet and Sanchayita**



■ **Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan 2022**

**1. Members' education: we are going to focus on the direction in which all members of the province are moving forward together in education and action.**

Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education for eco/environment through community reading once a week</li> <li>• Education for the teaching of the Pope and the Church on LS' 7-Year Action</li> <li>• Attend talks on LS' 7-Year Journey (Moving forward with the Church – new direction, news etc.)</li> </ul>
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**2. We are going to seek to find the direction of practice for LS 7-year and carry out unique and specific implementation in each position centered on each community, apostolate and committee through the realization of synodalitas.**

**<Community>** Rather than being centered on JPIC members, the entire religious community, with differences in understanding and knowledge, interest and desire, is going to move forward together, even if it is slow. Therefore, through close connection with the volunteers of each community, we are trying to find a unique way suitable both for the environment and situation of each community and carry out concrete practices. Also, we would like to work in solidarity with the LS' 7-Year Action Plan of the diocese to which each community belongs.

- **<Apostolate>** For the LS' 7-year Journey, we are going to find a unique way in each apostolate: education (school, kindergarten), medical care(hospital), social welfare, spiritual ministry, rural apostolate, parish ministry etc.) and to take concrete action.

- **<Promotion of JPIC Committee>** The province will focus on providing direction and education of the members, while at the same time, the JPIC committee will act as a facilitator of 14 committees so that all members can participate in a specific way.

- **<Committee>** All 14 committees (schools, kindergarten, formation, spirituality, parish, medical care, social welfare, youth ministry etc.) for the realization of the synodality of the Congregation of Jesus in Korea. LS' 7-Year Journey will be in committed to the mission of each apostolate. We are going to find and implement specific practical directions to respond to our needs, encourage apostolic colleagues, students, children, youth and lay people to practice the LS' 7-Year Action and move forward in a direction that inspires our mission as an ecological apostolate.






■ LS' 7-Year Action Plan of each Committee



Committee	Direction of LS' 7 Year Action Plan
JPIC	Promote 'Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan' with each committee
Initial Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ 'Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan' - Ecological Education</li> <li>- Prepare ecological theology/spiritual curriculum and actively participate in lectures outside the community</li> <li>- Prepare a curriculum for active solidarity activities in ecology/environment</li> </ul>
Ongoing Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ 'Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan' - Ecological Education</li> <li>- Prepare ecological theology/spiritual curriculum and actively participate in lectures</li> <li>- Active participation in solidarity activities for ecology/ environment</li> <li>- Consideration of activities that contribute to ecology/ environment in old age</li> </ul>
School & Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ 'Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan' - Ecological Education</li> <li>- Provide ecological/environmental education opportunities for students/children</li> <li>- Provide ecological/environmental education opportunities for teachers</li> <li>- Specific action plans for ecology/environment within the school (water, energy, food, etc.)</li> </ul>
Parish	◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan': Active participation in the action platform of each diocese and ecological education for lay people of the Parish
Apostolic Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan'</li> <li>- Ecological economics: Gardening, support for fair-trade products, ethical consumption, consideration of economic activities harmful to the earth</li> <li>- Specific planning and implementation of simple lifestyle adoption</li> </ul>
Medical Care & Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan - ecological education</li> <li>- Provide ecology/environmental education opportunities to staff and employees</li> <li>- Specific ecological/environmental action plans within the apostolic spots (water, energy, food, etc.)</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aged Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan - ecological spirituality</li> <li>- Reflection on the responsibilities and direction of activities to live ecological spirituality in old age</li> </ul>
Future Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan</li> <li>- Provide opportunities for members to pay attention to the cry of the poor</li> </ul>
Youth Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan - ecological spirituality</li> <li>- Promotion of ecological mission of young people: Development of eco/environment-related retreats and prayer meetings</li> <li>- Development of the programs for ecological/environmental pilgrimage on foot that encourage people to experience nature.</li> </ul>
Spirituality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan – ecological spirituality</li> <li>- Ecological examination of conscience, sacrament of reconciliation</li> <li>- Creation centered liturgy, prayer and retreat to awaken ecological/environmental awareness</li> </ul>
Finance & Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Living Laudato Si' 7-Year Action Plan – ecological economics</li> <li>- Investment in renewable energy</li> <li>- Financial management according to eco-friendliness/sustainability</li> <li>- Low-carbon economic activity</li> </ul>

Submitted by Seraphina Kim CJ

## IBVM SOUTH AFRICA

The three Loreto schools in South Africa have responded to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor with enthusiasm and generosity. Coming out of the pandemic, there is a renewed sense of community and the schools are networking together to make the future better. Some of the ways that the Laudate Si' goals have been addressed this year include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in a beach litter clean up on the last day of term 1, 25 March 2022.</li> <li>• Recycling projects at schools and in the communities are back up and running. Learners are actively involved in recycling. Educational talks on paper recycling by Mpac.</li> <li>• Learners as young as Grade 1 were taught how to plant Spekbooms which are best known and appreciated for their amazing ability to <b>heal the environment by purifying the air</b>. They also help prevent soil erosion due to the nature of their roots. These were also sold at school and the money used for outreach.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising money to provide gas and food items. <i>Under His Wings</i> daily provide porridge for breakfast and soup after school to approximately 350 children. The youngest group consists of children from 1 to 6 years old, and the older groups have 6 to 17 years of age.</li> <li>• Various collections and donations - Individually packed and labelled clothing items for 60 children from Leamogetswe Safety Home, non-perishable food items for Winterveldt and other projects, Saving Angels Winter Warmth Drive, Soccer boots and balls for Itumeleng Children's Home, Pet supplies for Wollies Animal Shelter, toiletries for Mamelodi old-aged home, Teddy drive for ABBA House for Mandela Day.</li> <li>• Ongoing support for Siyafunda and Paul Jungnickel Homes for Disabled including visits, collections and toiletry drives.</li> <li>• "Leave your Footprint Campaign"- Learners came to school barefoot to raise money and awareness around the terrible poverty in many schools, especially those schools needing flushable toilets.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing JoJo tank projects for sustainable use of water.</li> <li>• Setting up food gardens to assist needy families.</li> <li>• Earth Day theme – "Invest in Our Planet" – various activities on sustainable ways to live.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear out for Charity Week – Encouraging communities to spring clean and pass on what they do not need any more.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lessons devised around the negative impact of humanity's greediness and other issues, e.g., child labour, food security.</li> <li>• Assemblies also help to create awareness and empathy for our suffering planet.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash-a-thon fashion show – Learners collaborated to make fashion items out of recycled materials. This raised awareness about litter, pollution and the importance of reusing items to reduce our carbon footprint.</li> <li>• World Oceans Day was celebrated with learners coming to school dressed in blue. Teachers planned fun activities related to oceans. Hymn singing period was used to teach learners <i>Oceans</i> (Where my feet may fail) by Hillsong, which linked the awareness day beautifully to the Biblical story of Peter who was called by Jesus to have courage and walk on the water. This reminded us to not lose faith and to try our best to protect Mother Earth and her oceans.</li> <li>• World Conservation Day – Endangered Wildlife Trust presentation. The team brought along their canines who demonstrated how they locate poached items such as rhino horns and pangolin scales from learners’ bags. We trust that days like these teach our learners to appreciate creation.</li> <li>• Retreats and outreach days with a focus on exposing learners and educators to sustainable farming methods, working with animals and vulnerable children.</li> <li>• Visits to Animal Welfare, zoos and aquariums</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment themed Masses.</li> <li>• Shared prayers for the earth and our network. (Each school contributed and all schools use them at Inter-Loreto Day Masses.)</li> <li>• Retreats including hands-on experiences in nature and opportunities for outreach.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking part in a Peace Chain to create awareness around the war in Ukraine on St Patrick's Day, 17 March 2022.</li> <li>• Blood Drive 4 June 2022 – 37 from the Pretoria community presented to donate blood.</li> <li>• Mary Ward Open Circle – Happy Needles - knitting of beanies, mittens and jerseys for underprivileged children; Making of 86 sleeping bags for homeless people at the Night Shelter and other charities out of recycled materials; Sewing of items for Holy Cross Vredendal; Christmas presents and events for 400 children from Macassar, Koelenhof, Lwandle, Sir Lowry’s Pass and Villiersdorp.</li> <li>• Slippers sold on behalf of <i>Reach for a Dream Foundation</i>. The funds will be used to fulfil dreams for children fighting life-threatening illnesses.</li> </ul>

The RE co-ordinators of the three schools had a Zoom meeting in August to discuss progress and ways forward regarding developing the Laudate Si’ goals and the SDGs that will be focused on for the new school year. The theme of *Balance* is being considered. Plans and programmes are afoot for creating a holistic life, balancing the scales of justice, balancing needs and desires, equality, fairness, living in harmony, etc. This will address the Laudate Si’ goal of Living Simply.

We are grateful for God’s loving providence and mercy, especially during the pandemic restrictions. We hope to continue to bring glory to God and are excited to participate in making a difference in our country as a network of Mary Ward Schools. “The love of God is like a fire that will not be shut up, for it is impossible to love God and not work to extend his glory” – Mary Ward

**Submitted by Adrienne Blignaut**

## IBVM EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE

In our response to living, the Laudato Si' calls, we listened to the cry of creation by taking care of our common home; whereby we have all become more aware of the existence of creation and learned to appreciate the peace and tranquility that we find in nature. Our interaction with the natural environment has brought us the mindfulness of the presence of God and that has helped us to be attentive to God's invitations.



This year, the JPIC representatives, in collaboration with their communities, shared their personal life encounters and lived experiences, to mark the Laudato Si' Week that started on 22nd May 2022.

This has been highlighted in the various goals outlined below.

### 1. **Response to the Cry of the Earth**

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Failure to embrace the earth with love exposes the atmosphere to pollutants that produce a lot of harm to animals and plants. Being aware to/of such negative impacts on the earth, we were challenged to plant trees around our convents and the school compounds. Recently we have planted over 3000 trees.

Some communities have come up with small projects of rearing chickens, whereby community members ensure that the birds are well-fed and vaccinated.

Moreover, others have started kitchen gardens that have continued to supply them with vegetables, fruits, and flower gardens that have always beautified their compounds.

Furthermore, some school communities have organized talks on creation to conscientize the students on Care for our Common Home.

Finally, some members participated in Laudato Si' animators' training course, as a way of becoming informed on the crisis of climate change and how it has affected the whole of creation.

2. **Response to the Cry of the Poor**

To respond to the needs of the poor, most of our religious communities and schools managed to save money and material items during the Lenten Season, and these were given to the marginalized. The schools have also organized charity events through the Environmental/JPIC Club. One of the schools launched the project of clean water for the entire school.

3. **Ecological Economics & Adoption of Simple Lifestyles**

As a way to respond to this goal, one of the communities, in collaboration with the school, has adopted the use of biogas as a substitute to reduce the cost of cooking gas, and to avoid using charcoal. They also use solar panels for lighting.

Other communities have engaged in creative work by making paper flowers from used-up papers. This helped to minimize the costs of buying decorations.

4. **Ecological Education**

We have managed to give talks to the staff in some of our schools and create awareness of the importance of recycling what we have; and minimizing unnecessary buying; and benefiting from the locally available materials, also discouraging and reducing the use of plastic bags and bottles.

5. **Ecological Spirituality**

The Laudato Si' prayer and reflections which we have shared with our community members, have enabled us to take a walk while appreciating nature, preparing a Laudato Si' corner, promoting the week via social media, and being there for each other as forms of thanksgiving to God.

6. **Emphasis on Community involvement and participatory action**

To practice this goal, some schools participated in the donation of blood which has contributed to saving lives. The formation communities reached out to the old and sickly and shared the gospel with them once every week.

**Submitted by Maria Macha IBVM**

The following is a resume of the Laudato Si' goals JPIC Nepal is trying to achieve.

- 1) Response to the Cry of the Earth: The CJ schools in Nepal promote cleaner and greener campuses. Plastics are discouraged in our schools; the children are instructed to use water and resources like paper wisely. The schools discourage the wastage of food. Students and teachers have grown a variety of vegetables in their roof top kitchen gardens.
- 2) Response to the Cry of the Poor: During the pandemic the schools joined hands with parents to raise food and funds for the poor. The CJ schools continue to support the poor. On Women's Day (8 March 2022) St. Mary's School, Jawalakhel, donated raw material to the trainees at the Tailoring Institute run by Mary Ward School, Lubhu. The donation helped many women earn a living. The students have created tool kits to create awareness on/of vulnerable children turning into labourers.
- 3) Ecological Spirituality: The students and staff at the schools have prayed together for an end to all kinds of violence and for peace restoration in war torn countries. Prayer assemblies and awareness raising programs have been conducted on international days: Peace Day, Day of the Girl Child, One Billion Rising, to name a few.
- 4) Collaboration: The unit is working in collaboration with our friends from JPIC India to promote gender equality – St. Mary's School, Pokhara hosted "The Gender Equality Cup" – a friendly basketball match on 9 march 2022. The men and women teachers teamed up to spread the message of gender equality for sustainable development.
- 5) In the next few months, The Unit would like to focus on adopting simple lifestyles and setting up greener campuses (emphasis on reducing production of waste at our schools).
- 6) Apart from our school activities, sisters in their own respective communities are consciously making effort to read, understand and live out the Laudato Si' goals. In most of our houses Sisters take care of youth, children and women in the parish. Furthermore, in the community Sisters live out the 7 Laudato Si' goals in all possible ways.

The Sisters also participate in online programmes and prayer meetings organised by the Laudato Si' Movement. Some of the many meetings attended by our Sisters are: Give Peace a Chance, IPCC Report 2022: Our last resort to preserve biodiversity and phase out fossil fuels. On 7th April we participated in an online meeting "No more Biodiversity loss, at least protect 50% of the earth. Where are we since the Geneva talks? Prayer on the theme "The time is now."

**Submitted by Ms. Sita Sitarah**



### **Province Initiatives**

Last October we invited all the communities to reflect on the Plan of Action, take concrete actions, and share their reflections and plans with the rest of the communities. Each community did this. The results were from the council, it was shared with the whole province. Several actions were taken by the Province Leadership Team.

### **Investments**

- A study on our investments was undertaken to ensure that we are free from investments in fossil fuels. On completion of the study, we had two briefings for province members on our investments and divestment. (LSG 3) \* (SDG13) \*\*

### **Ecological Project**

- Presentation of the ecological project on the occasion of Teresa Ball's Bicentenary; carried out in collaboration with REFORESTA, an organization which cares for nature and involves vulnerable people in its work. Two trees were planted for each member of the province. Support for maintenance for two years was also included in the project
- Online meeting held to inform them of the project and deforestation in general. (LSG Goals 1. 2. 5) (SDG 4. 13. 14.)

### **Mary Ward Spirituality Project**

- A group comprising two IBVMs and two CJs, elaborate a weekly reflection in the liturgical seasons, connecting the spirituality of Mary Ward with Laudato Si (LS. 6). (SDGs underlying principles)

### **Climate Change**

- A Briefing was held prior to COP 26 in Glasgow. The Province supported it with prayer and members were invited to join the request made by religious leaders on 4 October 2021.
- Financial support was given to a project in Vanuatu (Pacific Islands) to impede the rising sea level and protect the coasts with extensive tree plantations... (LSG 5.7.) (SDG 13. 14)

### **Youth Representative**

- A Youth Representative was appointed by the Province to involve Spanish youth in global issues. She organized intergenerational webinars to educate and raise awareness about climate change, and the impact on women and girls, for our schools in Spain and with the NGO to the United Nations. (LSG 5. 7.) (SDG 4. 13. 17)

### **Vulnerable People**

- Among the most vulnerable people in our world today are the women, men, girls and boys, victims of human trafficking. They are slaves. We support them through awareness raising, communication and involvement in groups in Spain and with the NGO to the United Nations. (LSG Goal 2) (SDG 5. 8. 16)
- **Solidarity with Ukraine.** Together with the Mary Ward Circles (Friends of Mary Ward) we offered a flat for refugees from Ukraine. (LSG 2. 7.) (SDG 10.5, 16,3. Important to note that the immigrant and refugee population was not included in the original SDGs. However, indicators have been introduced in recent years)

## **Community and Individual Initiatives**

### **At local level, efforts include the following:**

- **Ongoing individual efforts** to deepen our understanding of ecological conversion including the dimension of just relationships with nature, on the one hand, the interconnectedness of human beings with creation and the relationship of poverty with natural disasters on the other hand.
- An over 90-year-old member shared her great personal awareness through being united with all creation and praising God when in nature and by appreciating the healthy ecosystem.
- **Use of energy etc.:** Change of habits in relation to some daily habits in relation to water, electricity, and gas consumption.
- **Recycling:** strategies to limit the use of paper and care for the environment.  
(LSG 1. 4. 5. 6. 7.) (SDG 2. 6. 7. 12. 15.)

### **Cry of the Earth. Actions for Systemic Change**

- Online participation in interfaith meetings to prepare civil society input before and during COP 26 in Glasgow, including the signing of a petition delivered to the COP President from the interfaith community. (LSG 1.2.3.4.5.6.7) (SDG 13 + all 17 SDGs)
- Signatures for petitions to request or denounce areas of climate action.
- Participation in the interfaith initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, closely connected to the fuel divestment we support as province. <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/esp> (LSG 3). (SDG 7. 9. 12. 15)
- Stop Ecocide: Participation in the growing global movement to make ecocide an international crime, recognized by the International Criminal Court (ICC). Online meetings and rally in Madrid to denounce the massive damage and destruction of ecosystems, widespread or long-term, that results in Ecocide.  
(LSG 3) (SDG 15)

### **Activities with Local Parish**

- The Environmental Via Crucis - (LSG 6) (Agenda 2030: leave no one behind) in community and parish.
- Participation in Ecological Conversion Group in parishes where actions arising from the study of Laudato Si are undertaken e.g. planting and caring for trees, organic vegetable gardens. (LSG 7) (SDG 13. 15)
- The palms for Palm Sunday 2022 have been from the OLIVE TREES planted in the "Biblical Garden" of the Parish.

### **Our Institutions**

We do not work in our schools, but we want to underline that JPIC and Pastoral are integrated in the work of the Pastoral Team. The 2022 Youth Easter Triduum had as its focus the Laudato Si' Action Plan.

LSG \* - Laudato Si' Goal. SDG\*\* Sustainable Development Goal

**Submitted by Cecilia O'Dwyer IBVM**

In order to continue advancing in the Care of Our Common Home, the whole Mary Ward family from the JPIC office, have launched the Action Plan "Laudato Sí" in the 5 continents. The CJs in Spain are aware of the serious situation we are living; hence, to all the actions and projects sent (September 2021) that we are working on, according to the commitment made, we would like to qualify and highlight new contributions to this urgent call.

1. The natural disasters in Spain (volcano eruption in La Palma), the migrations towards Europe (refugee camps in Lesbos) and now the war in Ukraine, have touched our most sensitive nerves and we have thrown ourselves into a solidarity without limits when it comes to attending to the most vulnerable and needy. This year we will collaborate in these projects and others.

A. "All with La Palma": The eruption of the volcano on this island and its serious consequences, led us and leads us to help all the victims; hence the commitment of our religious and educational communities when sending financial aid through raffles, sale of their products, direct contributions etc. for the support of families, reconstruction of houses, reforestation..

B. "Zaporeak": We help this association to improve the living conditions of the people trapped in the refugee camps in Lesbos. Our contribution focuses on the collection of blankets, warm clothes and footwear for all these people who are shivering with cold in winter.

C. "Emergency Ukraine": The war in Ukraine has broken our peace patterns and has made us particularly sensitive to the injustices, atrocities and "senselessness" of war. We have all got involved and we continue to do so with financial contributions, macro-collections of medicines, and all kinds of necessary materials, welcoming of families, schooling of students... They need to heal their wounds. We will continue on this path as long as it is necessary.

D. Caritas: We continue our voluntary work, as it appears in the Plan, with selfless dedication and a great welcome. At the moment we have a special commitment to the Ukrainians who have come to our country: welcome, support, and a special disposition to their needs. Apart from what already appears in the Action Plan, we can add: Preparation and sale of the "Solidarity Doughnut" once a year to help the most disadvantaged.

2. Continuation of the commitments made up to now, in some cases reinforced:

In particular, we use water, gas and electricity sparingly - use only when necessary.

Our environment is clean: We take care and educate so that our garden, courtyards, centres... are clean; we also contribute to the care of plants, trees... and to the planting of small plants that are a source of joy and enjoyment, seeing them grow, flower and bear fruit.

Reduce, Reuse, Re-cycle: Ever present in our lives is to reduce pollution and waste in landfills, save energy, fight against climate change, etc. That is why we are committed to continue carrying out these objectives already proposed: reduce or simplify the consumption of direct products, reuse as much as possible what we can, for example plastic bags, and recycle plastics, cardboard and paper, glass, electronic devices, organic matter... and we take it to the "containers" prepared for this purpose.

Weekly commitment (a new action) to collect mainly processed food, clothes, games, shoes... for socially excluded families who are also helped by our Caritas volunteers.

Liturgical celebrations and online or in-person attendance at events organised by CJ, IBVM or other entities; as well as support, commitment and participation in national and international events, for example: International Women's Day, World Earth Day, World Water Day, World Refugee Day, Child Exploitation... in the Community and school.

Awareness raising and support for UISG, SIMI and other projects: Collaboration and support with "Avaaz" (in some campaigns) on the defence of human rights, protection of biodiversity, eradication of poverty... with signatures, manifestos, some financial support, etc.

Working on Laudato Sí" Participation "online" in 6 monthly meetings (October to May), organised by the Loyola Centre and the Diocese of San Sebastian on the "Care of our Common Home". We will end with an ecological retreat in the heart of nature.

Commitment to the celebration of the Word in Old People's Homes and attention in parish offices.

Spirituality of Mary Ward and Laudato Sí: Joint action between IBVM and CJ. Preparation of spirituality throughout the year, in the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter and Laudato Sí.

Attendance at spirituality workshops.

**Submitted by Anselma De La Pisa**

## **CJ LATIN EUROPEAN PROVINCE**

### **Response to the Cry of the Earth**

- At Province level: the encouragement of the use of solar energy continues, and this year 10 new panels were added for domestic water, at Bucharest community.
- We continue to encourage more responsibility at all levels, in our communities and institutions, our collaborators, beneficiaries, and also our students, on the use of water, electricity, food, etc.
- Selective collection has become, an everyday practice and we try to improve it.
- The use of bags, cups, plastic bottles, etc. has been further reduced.
- In many of our communities and institutions rainwater is collected for reuse in gardening.
- 40 new fruit trees were planted in the garden of The Bucharest community, and also a few in different projects or communities.
- A machine has been bought to shred dry branches for use as compost.
- The students of our institutions or where we work, have taken part in actions in favour of our Common Home, either awareness-raising actions, or actions of planting, nature care, common, institutional or private green spaces.

### **Response to the Cry of the Poor**

- A new challenge is the war in Ukraine. Sisters in our communities are trying to provide hospitality and emergency or long-term support to people who are forced to leave their homes and country to flee the war. Thus, the community in Rădăuți, being on the border with Ukraine, collaborates with the local authorities in order to provide emergency aid to people in transit. The community in Bucharest is hosting 5 mothers and their children on a long-term basis. These people came through the Caritas organisation and receive food through a special programme, and we provide them with accommodation and welcome their younger children in our kindergarten. Also, in different communities both in Romania and Italy, the Sisters offer support to refugees from Ukraine according to their needs: information, accompaniment, translations, material support, etc.
- We are aware that poverty has many faces, and we want to make all those with whom we collaborate, aware of this, especially our students: because any lack of attention, care, respect, understanding, kindness, is also a form of poverty.
- Abused women or those who have suffered from domestic violence are welcomed in SOLWODI.
- The girls and young women cared for by our Sisters in Iasi, as well as the students at the boarding school in Timișoara (orphans or belonging to broken, single-parent families, etc.)

### **Ecological Economics**

- We try to promote local economy and accept its limitations, make effort to cultivate local seeds rather than genetic modified seeds, using kitchen gardens in some of our communities.
- Make recycling more present in our communities, be more aware and attentive to how we use food, how could reuse and repair some things;
- Using and supporting more fair-trade products.
- Supporting the food banks organisations and collaborate with them.
- Do more about renewable energy in our communities (solar panels).

### **Ecological Education**

- In all of our schools and kindergarten there are some projects and actions for ecology and we try to improve ecological education and how to go in line with Laudato Si Encyclical and its goals.

### **Adoption of Simple Lifestyles**

- More awareness of the fact that having a simple lifestyle is a day-to-day choice.
- Changing our attitude, heart and mind and decide to do things differently.

### **Ecological Spirituality**

- Finding God in all things is fundamental in Ignatian Spirituality which gives us the awareness that God can be found in everyone, in every place and in everything. This reflection helps us not only to love God the Creator but all his creations.
- We are grateful that there has been a lot of awareness and action in the area of the ecological dimension. MORE can still be done in order to bring ecology more and more into our spirituality.
- We take care of reserved natural grounds in our communities for prayers and meditations.
- We encourage creative liturgies highlighting passages from Laudato Si'.

### **Emphasis on Community Involvement and Participatory Action**

- We continue to work with our collaborators, youth groups and schools in order to bring the message to a wider public.
- Some in our services, the Sisters, together with the students and collaborators continue to be involved in clean-up campaigns.



**Submitted by Petra Măriuț CJ**

**“Compassionate action emerges from the sense of openness,  
connectedness and the discernment you have created in your community”.**

**C.J Delhi province is working towards attaining the Laudato Si’ goals.**

**The following are the activities being done in the province**

**Goal 1: Response to the Cry of the Earth**

- Use water sparingly and Make use of the solar energy as much as possible
- The use of plastic is completely banned in some institutions like Nainital and in some institutions paper bags are made and distributed to the local shops. Use of cloth and jute bags are encouraged. We encourage children to plant their own garden in their homes.

**Goal 2: Response to the Cry of the Poor**

- Communities continue to sponsor poor children for their education and continue with the evening school specially meant for children.
- We motivate our students to reach out to the poor - introduce a poor child to a class and encourage the students of that class to educate the child. (They will be able to sponsor clothes, stationery etc.)
- Ration kits consisting of rice, wheat, flour, pulses, oil, sugar, tealeaves, soap and detergent powder and blankets are distributed to the needy on a regular basis.

**Goal 3: Ecological Economics**

- We have started digitalizing the newsletters and other information in order to reduce the use of paper.
- We intend to use more of the re-cycled papers for creative items rather than buying them.
- We support fair-trade - shopping from poor vendors.

**Goal 4: Adoption of Simple Lifestyles**

- We refrain from impulse buying and think carefully before buying
- We inculcate the habit of using more reusable products
- We educate ourselves to no wastage of food

**Goal 5: Ecological Education**

- Bring environmental issues to the notice of students and teachers through awareness orientation programs for JPIC members and the entire staff.
- POCSO is already functional in our school.
- We include ‘creation spirituality’ in our prayers and recollections.
- Encourage children to create flower gardens in our compound
- Encourage students to draw and paint on environment
- Celebrating environmental days, which all our institutions are already doing.

**Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality**

- Some communities already have a rain water harvesting system and compost pit using dry leaves, water etc.

- Vegetable garden in sacks and bags/ making use of them
- We will have potted plants inside for decoration purpose rather than using plastic flowers.

**Goal 7: Emphasis on Community Involvement and Participatory Action**

- Clean up the surroundings/locality removing plastic etc. We have already encouraged students to clean up the campus
- Conduct awareness programmes. We have already put up assemblies and webinars on human trafficking, youth day, girl child, and gender equality, for peace in Ukraine and thereby join the global community. We respond to issues that affect people globally by awareness programmes. Thus, we respond to the 7 goals in our daily living.

**Submitted by Sr. Deepti Beena CJ**





## **SMC, ALLAHABAD**

### **Beacons of Hope**

In times like these when people are expected to feel like they're swirling in a Covid-19-induced vortex of helplessness, the young enthusiasts of Group 2 showcased their resilience and indomitable spirit, by taking up this opportunity to become a beacon of hope for the needy by supplying them with clothes and other essentials.

Feel free to plant a tree. While the world is gripped by the Covid-19 pandemic, the little ones of Group 1 (LKG and UKG) took a great initiative towards Saving our Mother Earth by planting different varieties of saplings and explaining the importance of plants in our lives.

### **Garbage Walk**

The lack of proper waste disposal can lead to long-term implications that can affect humans, animals and the environment as a whole. In order to sensitize residents on the pressing problem of garbage scattered all around the city, the thoughtful minds of Group 3 adopted a unique method of organizing a garbage walk.

**Awareness is Power:** With the unremitting Covid-19 pandemic, it remains as important as ever to stay vigilant and know how to protect oneself from the virus. On their own volition, the members of Group 4, with the help of an activity, congregated on a digital platform to enlighten everyone about the do's and don'ts regarding the novel virus and keenly expressed it through arresting collages.

**Don't laminate the Earth:** Plastic bags to carry out groceries; straws for our milkshakes; wrappers on our candy bars and other modern conveniences are so ubiquitous, and so quickly thrown out that they hardly register in our minds. But this comfort comes with a steep environmental price, one that we will be paying off for millennia. Concerned with the devastating impact plastic has on not only the environment but our health at large, the budding comrades of Group 2 made five paper bags each with genial logos and donated them to the nearby vendors.

### **An Act of Kindness:**

The pandemic has tutored us that we need to review and strengthen our relationship with Mother Nature and birds are a salient part of this nature. There's nothing more noble than feeding these harbingers of peace. With this beautiful thought, the members of Group 1 prepared bird feeders using the materials available to them. The active involvement of kids in this activity paved the way and provided a helping hand towards the motto 'Save Bird Save Environment'.

### **Trash to Treasure:**

Composting significantly cuts down on the amount of trash in a landfill and reduces the costs and carbon emissions it takes to haul and process those materials. Keeping this in mind, the students of Group 3, came together to show how we can recycle kitchen waste and make compost naturally. Through this activity, the students were taught to know how to utilize waste material in better and useful ways.

### **Be a Warrior not a Worrier:**

It was riveting to witness the little members of Group 2 who had banded together to give an angelic tribute to our dauntless heroes ...COVID 19 frontline workers. In their own creative way the young students donned the garbs of the frontline workers and staged their duties and their unfathomable significance.

## **SMC, LUCKNOW**

**Climate Warriors:** With the aim of ingraining love for nature in our students, the activity "Naming the Plants" was organized where students of classes 4 and 5 named the plants giving a reason behind choosing a particular name. This activity was conducted to prepare young Climate Warriors.

**See, Judge and Act:** Children were also conversant with the SEE, JUDGE and ACT methodology, a simple method which helps us to stop, stand back from a situation and reflect on it before taking any

action. It is about honing the analytical skills of the students.

**“O ri CHIRAIYA”** The JPIC members observed NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY on January 24<sup>th</sup> by organizing a session for the teachers, students and the management. The session brought to the forefront issues like Female Foeticide, Female Infanticide, Female Genital Mutilation, Acid attacks etc. and also consisted of an interactive brainstorming segment on ways the young generation can end gender discrimination and provide a safer environment for women and girls. The students took part enthusiastically in the session as various ideas thronged upon the platform making the session a success. Both the teachers and students shared their views freely. The session ended with the JPIC Anthem played to motivate all and reaffirm the fact that together “We can make a change”.

**Economical living, high thinking:** Students made folders using matty cloth, jute and handmade paper. This activity was an effort towards making our kids self- reliant and helping them acknowledge that economy is a sub-system of human society.

**PEACE, PEACE, PEACE!** “Universal prayer has the power to make miracles happen” Keeping the same in mind, all the students prayed for peace regularly, following the prayer to the Creator by Pope Francis, every day during the morning assembly. The Russia-Ukraine war was also kept in mind and the citizens of both the countries prayed for.

### **SMC, KANPUR**

The members of JPIC at SMC, Kanpur have continued their pursuit of making a positive impact on our immediate surroundings and engaging the students of our school in activities that develop them holistically, making them responsible citizens of our country.

The following activities have been organized by the members since January, 2022

#### **1. Republic Day Celebrations:**

Classes 1 & 2: Short poem in English on India: Classes 3 & 4: Short poem in Hindi on India.

Class 5: Just a minute about the Preamble of India: Class 6: Poster making competition

Classes 7 & 8: Elocution Competition

Classes 9&10: Patriotic Dance Competition, on the theme 'Unity in Diversity '.

**2. Mary Ward Week Activities:** Throughout the week, students of all classes did different activities to celebrate the legacy of Our Foundress, Mother Mary Ward. In each activity they incorporated the values that she has taught us and remembered her with gratitude and love.

Class 1: Book Mark Making. Class 2: Depiction of maxims of Mother Mary Ward through drawing.

Class3: Collage making

Class 4: Framing maxims of Mother Mary Ward through cut outs of the alphabet from newspaper.

Class 5: Creatively writing the maxims of Mother Mary Ward.

Classes 6,7,8: Calligraphy and Portrait making competition

Classes 9 &10: Story Writing and Calligraphy Competition

Classes 11&12: Calligraphy and Poetry Writing Competition

**3. Women’s Day** (8<sup>th</sup> March): Members of the Club will visit the ‘Mahila Thana’ (Police station) to meet female police officers and discuss with them about the kind of gender discrimination that they face in their workplace and how they deal with it.

**4. A visit to the National Sugar Institute** (14<sup>th</sup> March): Students of class 10 will visit the National Sugar Institute in Kanpur as part of an educational tour, an initiative to give them hands on learning and a glimpse of the working of the industry.

**5. Writing heightens consciousness** and as a student community, the best way to approach the masses is by using the magnanimous power of words. As part of JPIC, Kanpur’s latest venture at making an

impact, we have collaborated with the local newspaper through which students of our school are given the opportunity to pen their thoughts about sustainable development goals, that our Club focuses on, and get them published.

**6. Executing the Book Bank:** An initiative where we collect books from graduating students and pass them to their juniors will come into effect starting September.

### **SMC, SAGAR**

**Goal 1:** Response to Cry of the Earth. Ban and Recycle plastic; Saving water and electricity; Gift saplings instead of bouquets; Taking care of the plants that are planted. For the past three months we've continued our journey of saving our neighborhood. Our students have taken the initiative that this year's project would be re using their old project and successfully they have prepared beautiful scrapbooks out of all the waste paper from their past assignments and projects, especially giving it a touch of nature and fragrance using coffee, also adding a touch of bygone days.

As a part of Recycle and Reuse our students are currently involved in working on various ideas which includes making their own paper and paper bags to be distributed across the town. We have also thought to making use of old clothes and distribute bags to minimize the use of plastic bags.

### **CHUNAR COMMUNITY**

Keeping in mind the 7 goals of JPIC, we are keeping our compound and surroundings clean and green. We are carrying on the practice of planting trees, as we had decided, on special occasions.

We try to provide eco-friendly manure for plants, using leaves, peels and egg shells. In spite of very little place, we grow different types of flowers and vegetables. We also make the children aware of the need for saving trees, water, no to plastic, helping the needy, uplifting the weak and poor through various activities. In view of the assembly elections we had a rally in the school to make the people of the locality aware of their duty and right to vote. On 8<sup>th</sup> March **Women's Day** was celebrated to acknowledge and encourage the role of women in family, society and nation building.

### **LUCKNOW COMMUNITY**

The CJ Sisters in Lucknow, have continuously been working on the Laudato Si' guidelines and have been following a few practices regularly. Various steps have been taken at Community level:

1. Praying continuously for Peace.
2. Keeping in view SDG 7 and SDG 13, solar panels (lights) have been installed in the school premises. This is a step to sustainable use of energy and a kickstart to introduce "Green Technology" at school.
3. Creating an Attitude of Gratitude.
4. An extra corner used to plant new and more saplings, thereby adding the presence of Mother Nature a little more.
5. Conscious use of resources has been maintained all through.

### **MARIA NIKETAN COMMUNITY**

The community has banned the use of plastics at home and has the policy of using recycled cloth bags for grocery shopping to reduce the use of polythene bags.

We have planted a few saplings in the school campus with a view promoting bio-diversity.

Make fertilizers using kitchen waste, changing them into compost manure for the plants.

We encourage zero waste by recycling and reusing.

We try to repair and reuse the electronic goods instead of discarding or throwing them away.

We try maximum for Reforestation.

We have a Herbal Garden in our Campus. The Sisters plant various types of medicinal plants. Conscious and spare use of water and electricity. Make use of one's talents and skills for the wellbeing of the students especially by extending their teaching time. Avoid window shopping to restrain from buying unnecessary things. Create gratefulness in the minds of our youth and co-workers for God and mother earth. Maintain the existing kitchen garden. Attend any webinar on JPIC when organized by

the province so that we are in solidarity with what is happening around us and take them into our prayer. Thanking you, Maria Niketan Community.

### **PRAYAGRAJ COMMUNITY**

Establishing more environment friendly habits at home is a great way to live more sustainably, We CJ Sisters at SMC Prayagraj, are practicing a life style with Low Energy Consumption through promoting energy and resource saving campaign programs such as switching off unnecessary lights and fans. We are improving home habits to conserve energy through the practice of changing from a 60W conventional bulb to a 20W fluorescent bulb or using LED tube lights which has less energy consumption.

**Use of Natural Lights:** Effort is made to make use of natural light as much as possible; **especially when working at noon we switch off the tube lights in the room as the natural light** provides a bright, warm ambiance to work in the room. Thus, dependency on external lighting is reduced as and when possible.

**Use of Solar Lights in the Campus:** In order to save energy, we are making use of solar energy in the campus. Solar lights are installed. Solar water heating panels are also installed to avoid use of geysers to heat water.

In this technologically advanced age, we are aiming to keep digital copies of all our important files, as opposed to printing hard copies and thus avoiding wastage of paper.

**Environment friendly Car Usage:** Environment friendly car usage is also practiced in the community: Whenever any purchase is to be made those who require/need to go shopping, go together so that the vehicle is not used a number of times to go to the same shopping center, thus saving fuel as well as avoiding vehicular pollution.

**Rubbish Bin Sorting Activity:** Nearly everything we buy comes in some sort of package. Packaging, made from a variety of renewable and non-renewable resources, are sorted out and disposed or recycled.

**Practice of planting Herbal Gardens:** Hedgehog Aloe Vera, Tulsi/ Basil, Peppermint/ Pudina, Mint, Coriander, Curry leaves Ajwain, Giloy, Turmeric, Ashwaganda, Lemon Grass, Garlic and Onion are the plants that adorns our kitchen garden. Planting an herbal garden is a wonderful way to enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of a wide variety of plants. We are cultivating fresh herbs which are grown in a small garden in the back yard of the kitchen. Peels of Onion, Garlic and Orange, which are kitchen waste are collected separately and each item is put in an airtight glass bottle with water. These are kept airtight for 3 days and on the 4<sup>th</sup> day each item is strained and bottled to/for use as an insecticide spray for plants. Sr. Sybil CJ is an expert in preparing Organic Insecticide out of Orange, Onion and Garlic peels. She uses the/a similar process for preparation of organic manure with the peels of bananas. After sweeping the campus all the dry leaves - Neem and other leaves - are put in a compost pit along with daily kitchen waste to prepare organic manure for the plants and vegetables. This eco-friendly practice enables us to grow organic vegetables and fruits.

**Practice of minimizing laundry duties:** When it comes to cleaning clothes, we are practicing laundry washing once a week to save on energy costs, rather than doing the laundry several times per week.

**Use of biodegradable carry bags:** For shopping and other purposes we use biodegradable carry bags as we have completely banned the use of plastic bags which is one of the top things that pollute the planet

**Submitted by Surabhi Fernandes CJ**

The schools in Bangalore Region tried to carry out the Laudato Si goals as well as the JPIC activities, with full vigor and enthusiasm as we started with the offline classes.

### **NIRMALA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

World Education Day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> January. Students of both the clubs (JPIC & FRIENDS OF MARY WARD) celebrated this day with great enthusiasm.

As a part of their program some of the JPIC students visited St. Augustine's School at Kadanadu and were happy to teach drawing skills to the children. On 8<sup>th</sup> March JPIC students and Friends of Mary Ward conducted a beautiful prayer service to honour the women in their life/lives. During the prayer service they asked for God's blessings on women for their betterment. They also thanked their teachers for the selfless service rendered to them. On the same day they honored the non-teaching staff by giving gifts as a token of love and affection. As a part of this celebration they also visited the aged and mentally retarded women. The students entertained them by putting up a short cultural program and their presence made a difference in their life. The students also visited Navajeevan Cancer Centre at Kottayam where 250 patients are looked after and taken care of. As a token of their love and concern, they donated some cash, clothes and toilet accessories.

### **Mary Ward E.M School Puthenvelikara**

We celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> June as the World Environment Day. A prayer service was organized by the JPIC members. We gave them awareness on making use of the waste materials, by conducting competitions. The theme was 'best out of waste'. Students prepared bags, mats etc. out of waste material. The students of classes IX and X were asked to compose a poem on climate change. On girl child day, JPIC members prepared a program.

Students took an oath against drug abuse. On 8<sup>th</sup> March Women's Day was celebrated in the school. Students through their poems, speech, song and dance gave awareness about the contribution of women. On the same day JPIC members participated in a webinar organized by Sr. Manjusha on women's day. They were asked to honour the women in their life. Constant reminders and awareness are given to children to keep their surroundings clean and save water.

### **ST. MARY'S MULUND**

We were happy to announce the HYBRID MODE opening of schools from the 2nd term onwards.

1. Planted Trees and Saplings on Environment Day.
2. The students took an active part and conducted a cleanup drive. They were encouraged

to do the same in their own area too by cleaning the surroundings of their buildings, closest bus stop, sweeping the public places in their locality etc.

3. The Child Protection helpline number is being provided to the girls and is also displayed in prominent places on the school campus.
4. We prepared a documentary on **Save Girl Child**, and it was shown to them. The documentary was also posted on social media by our teachers, students and ex- students to create a wider awareness about the preciousness of life and to voice our injustice and discrimination against women.

### **St. MARY'S, BEGUR**

For the year 2021-2022 we decided to practice Goal no.1: Response to the **Cry of the Earth** from Laudato si 7 Goals. Accordingly, we planned a series of activities for different classes. In the past few months, we practised the activities mentioned below:

1. We prepared a power point presentation to give awareness to our students about the seven goals.
2. Response to the Cry of the Earth: SAY NO TO PLASTIC
3. We integrated an item of JPIC in all the programs of our school to enlighten our students regularly about JPIC. On Children's Day we dedicated a song on/to Climate Change.
4. On 25<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. We illustrated this to our students through speech, drawings and dance drama.
5. To practice the first goal, "**Response to the Cry of the Earth**" we took the students around our school campus to create in them the taste for planting and to care for the plants.
6. On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 we celebrated **World Education Day** through online activities such as Audio content, Power Point Presentation, Collage Making and Digital Poster Making.
7. We had a short prayer service on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Mark **St. Bakhita's Day**. We thought of all the children all over the world who are abused, ill- treated, child labors etc. and prayed for them.
8. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 **International Women's Day** was celebrated in our school through various programs like Fancy dress competition depicting important personalities, Drawings based on Women's Day, Speeches and Quotation based on International Women's Day etc.

### **MaryWard School Mittapalli**

On 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, St. Bakita Day. the morning assembly theme was against **Slavery and Human Trafficking of Minors and Girls**. On 8<sup>th</sup> March International Women's Day was celebrated in the

school. Std 8 and 9 students gave short speeches and recitation on gender equality and violence against women.

Primary school students took an enthusiastic part in making the best use of waste materials. This was displayed during morning assemblies.

There are volunteers from Std 5, 6, 7,8 and 9 to water the plants in the school premises. It is done on alternate days very vigorously as the class teachers monitors. Though it is very hot, we are blessed with sufficient water this year.

**Submitted by Sanjana Savarimuthu CJ**



## **IBVM PERÚ**

We have three communities in Lima. I need to remind everyone that the year here for school and other activities begins in March.

### **Jicamarca**

- A video is available to show the beginnings of the Ecological Gardens Project. This project is school based and involves the whole school community of parents, staff and children. These people have come from the Sierra (the Andes mountains) where they lived close to nature and this project taps into the very roots of how they lived and the knowledge they had of medicinal plants before the years of Maoist terrorism brought them to Lima as migrants. So, it is social as well as ecological.
- The Municipality have planted trees along all the roads in the area; we are watering those near us and plan to launch a campaign for the care of these young trees.
- In our IBVM Health Centre (Consultorio de la Señora de Guadalupe) which serves the poorly resourced area of Villa Esperanza, the team continues to provide, medical, obstetric, dental and

psychological services and in addition have run two campaigns which offered testing for Haemoglobin levels and cancer prevention in women.



### **Huaycan**

An ongoing project called *NOURISHING WITH LOVE* has begun its second phase of providing healthy sustainable meals for 80 children and 33 women five days a week. It is delivered with the cooperation of local social networks. With skyrocketing prices and fall in the value of the money available Miros has turned to the tried and tested fundraising power of her home town community of Lamud in dispersion using Facebook to communicate with them to very good effect in beginning to raise the necessary extra funds to fully realize the project.



### **Baca Flor**

Several members of the group of sisters, collaborators and associates are to attend a once-a-week ten-weeks zoom course on **The Care of our Common Home** and others will attend a two-day workshop on the same theme. The objective of this is awareness raising and, at a later stage, advocacy.

**Submitted by Mary Elizabeth Kirke IBVM**



Indeed, the Corona Virus Pandemic has had many adverse effects on all sectors in the country and we have even devised many practical ways that sustain us. It is also an opportunity to rediscover ourselves amid this crisis. Just like many others the world over, it has been difficult for the Mary Ward family in the Zimbabwe region to adopt the new ways and norms that are shaping us; nonetheless, we are all willing to learn! Due to the fact that the sisters are engaged in different apostolates, some of the proposed actions are already being undertaken. As Zimbabwe Mary Ward family we continue to be committed to the following and the review will be done during our Regional Assembly before the end of the year.

### **Goal 1: Response to *The Cry of the Earth***

By protecting our common home, for the well-being of all creation and ecological sustainability

#### Action Plan

- ✓ We keep on encouraging our members and those around us on the need to embrace afforestation and reforestation and to use resources like water sparingly
- ✓ Keeping our environment clean e.g. by taking care of flowers, lawns, etc.
- ✓ Emphasise on reducing, recycling and reusing of plastics and bottles

We hope to achieve this goal by September 2022. This has been the call for some time now and we hope that our sisters will take it seriously and impart the knowledge to their neighbours.

### **Goal 2: Response to *The Cry of the Poor***

Promoting eco-justice: defend and protect human life from conception to death.

Poverty has many faces; we are called to recognise and listen to the voice of the poor

#### Action Plan

- ✓ taking care of all those who are in need and other vulnerable groups of our society through e.g. feeding schemes, caring and assisting the sick
- ✓ Reaching out to the poor through education
- ✓ Sustainable projects using available resources e.g. gardening

Timeframe: The number of people in the country who are suffering due to the ever-increasing economic hardships is going up at alarming rates. So, we will do our best to help with the limited resources that we have and provide moral support as well as counselling if need be.

### **Goal 3: Ecological Economics**

Supporting ethical and sustainable investments/businesses, promoting fair trade and the dignity of all workers

#### **Action Plan**

- ✓ Becoming more aware and attentive to how we use electricity and promote use of renewable energy e.g. solar energy
- ✓ Cultivating locally produced seeds and use of compost as fertilizer

This goal will be achievable hopefully. Many of our sisters and members in the community are becoming increasingly aware of the need to use clean energy sources. However, fair trade in our country is seemingly a huge problem due to the economic crisis; those who 'have' are seemingly working tirelessly to take everything from the poor and those who are working are getting paltry salaries which are not even sufficient to cater for their basic needs.

### **Goal 4: Adoption of simple lifestyles**

Pope Francis is aware of the culture and lifestyle we are living today: wasteful, consumerist and self-centered. This is unsustainable and it continues to push the poor to the margins.

#### **Action Plan**

- ✓ By living a simple lifestyle and diet, we promote zero wastage of the available resources
- ✓ Use of public transport and combining journeys to reduce air pollution
- ✓ Disposal of goods and items should be considered as the last option

We hope to achieve this goal by December 2022. Many of the sisters are becoming increasingly aware of the need to live simply and have simple diets. We are also engaging the communities in which we live at schools and parish level.

### **Goal 5: Ecological Education**

A call to facilitate a whole new ecological conversion, bringing about an environmental awareness, responsibility and a sense of connection to the natural world, a shift in attitude and action towards integral ecology ought to become a part of us all

#### **Action Plan**

- ✓ Awareness campaigns
- ✓ Education on the care and protection of our environment

Timeframe: December 2022. As of now we are functioning a bit 'normally' under strict adherence to Covid-19 protocols in our country, we hope that ecological knowledge will be imparted to all so that we all have a well-informed sense of responsibility towards the earth.

## Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality

We celebrate and pray for all God's creation by embracing conscious reflection on Care of the Earth and encouraging commitment and engagement of all

Action Plan

- ✓ Ecological awareness and education to all (ecological catechesis)
- ✓ Promoting creative liturgies

This goal will be achieved hopefully by December 2022. Promoting creative liturgies by using locally available resources especially for decoration is at the core in our region.

## Goal 7: Emphasis on Community Involvement and Participatory Action

Advocate and develop policies that support the promotion of resilient social action that addresses challenges against climate change

Action Plan

- ✓ Conscientising people on Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
- ✓ Promote Advocacy and preservation of the ecosystem through e.g. clean up campaigns

Timeframe: December 2022. The Zimbabwe Conference for Major Religious Superiors has been conducting workshops on Safeguarding for all religious. Hopefully by the end of the year many would have had a chance to attend such workshops which are an eye opener to the contemporary world in which we are living.

**Submitted by Sithabile Faith Dlamini**

## CJ SLOVAK PROVINCE

In 2022, we are in the midst of a gradual transition to natural "green" energy sources in several communities in Slovakia and Ukraine - part of the 7-year Laudato Sí. We have solar/photovoltaic panels on several of our buildings - communities and works (Majakovského, Bratislava, Maria Ward House Prešov, Uzhorod – Maria Ward Social Centre), it is already planned to install them in Uzhorod on our community house and in Štēkeň; other communities are also thinking about it.



The current shortage of electricity in Ukraine has led us to organize a large recycling of wax from various religious congregations all over Slovakia, which our sisters will use to make candles for people in Ukraine who are without electricity.

We try to respond to the current situation in our country and to our possibilities. Our elderly sisters, through their prayers and lifestyle, contribute greatly to the protection of creation.



Submitted by Sr. Julia Milcova CJ

## IBVM AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

The IBVM Australia and South East Asia Province has begun work on the Laudato Si' 7-year Plan for our network. We are only in the planning stage but have been inspired by the voice of the First Nations peoples in Australia whose spirituality is closely tied to creation.

This year, Loreto communities across Australia have participated in a celebration of the Teresa Ball Bicentenary anniversary through a tree planting project. This project complements the many sustainability initiatives our schools have implemented in recent years, including:

- introducing Student Environment Captains and Staff Sustainability Coordinators.
- recycling initiatives such as the 'Bottle for Beach' collection project.
- increasing accessibility of second-hand uniforms and books.
- a bush tucker garden.
- the installation of solar panels, rainwater tanks and energy efficient LED lighting.
- including renewable energy studies in curriculum.

### *Schools*

In February 2022, **Loreto Normanhurst** planted a flowering gum tree in the Primary School grounds as a symbolic representation of the project. Following this, 150 tree saplings were gifted to the Primary School students and their families to plant.

**Loreto College Coorparoo** began a Reconciliation Garden with the planting of local bush tucker plants. This was done at the end of National Reconciliation Week just before World Environment Day. This garden is the first step in a new Reconciliation Action Plan and will surround the College Chapel.

**Loreto Kirribilli** has planted several trees throughout the grounds and established a green wall in the main building. The planting of an on-site vegetable garden provides fresh produce for Canteen use, and further rooftop planting assists with cooling.

**Loreto Toorak** named a new courtyard in the school that will feature three significant trees honouring Teresa Ball. The new courtyard is a gathering space for Year 7/8/9 students. As part of the school's Feast Day in September and to mark the commissioning of new Principal, Angela O'Dwyer, a tree/plant will be given to all school students and a commitment made to planting trees offsite, establishing new roots that will continue to grow.

Students from **Loreto College Ballarat** teamed up with students from St Patrick's College in May to plant 350 trees, native grasses and shrubs on-site at Ballarat's Victoria Park. The planting was an initiative of both schools, 15 Trees and local Ballarat food security education advocates, Food Is Free Inc, with funding from the City of Ballarat's Community Impact grant.

**Loreto Nedlands** has planted a number of bush tucker plants, herbs and vegetables on the school grounds. The planting initiative encourages students to learn about native Australian species and their importance to our First Nations Peoples while fostering biodiversity, promoting sustainability, and nurturing care for creation. The planting initiative will continue throughout the year.

**John XXIII College** planted seedlings grown by the Sustainability Club and science classes in conjunction with Trillion Trees Australia during two events. The first event was part of a professional learning for staff that examined the Bishops' Social Justice Statement 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'. The learning concluded with staff participating in tree planting on the west end of the campus. In May, College families and students gathered to plant additional trees across the College campus. The aim of the planting was to help offset carbon emissions from the College and provide food and habitat for native bird species focusing on the endangered Carnaby Black Cockatoo.

**Loreto College Marryatville** have had several plantings in the past year; however, the main project focused mainly on planting 75 trees across six areas of the College near the banks of First Creek, which runs through the College grounds. Varieties include a mix of Australian natives, ornamental flowering trees, and tough shady trees.

### ***IBVM Sisters***

**Bushland Preservation:** The Australia and South East Asia Province has handed over to a local ecology group the bushland at Bolwarra, near Portland, Victoria. The local community is strongly committed to this property remaining a bushland reserve as it has environmental significance and is home to endangered flora and fauna. The land is to remain a bushland reserve with the Great South West Walk track continuing to go through it; there be a permanent memorial on the land recognising the traditional owners and the subsequent gift of the land by the Loreto Sisters and it will be named in recognition of the nearly 140 years of service by the Loreto Sisters in Portland.

**Taking COP26 Climate Action:** To mark their commitment to ecological justice and to draw attention to the global focus on COP26, the Loreto Sisters of Australia and South East Asia have partnered with Fifteen Trees to plant 100 trees. The trees were planted by the Koala Clancy Foundation in the You Yangs region of Victoria, in particular in the Barwon River and Little River districts. One day, this site will create homes and food for koalas, Whitenaped honeyeaters, Rainbow Bee-eaters, Swamp wallabies, Superb Fairy-wrens, Red-rumped parrots, Silvereyes, Blue-tongue lizards, Imperial Jezebel butterflies, Eastern Banjo frogs and many other beautiful native creatures.

**Submitted by Andreia Wigan**

### **IBVM LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN IRISH PROVINCE**

We began last September 2021 by launching the Action Plan for the Irish Province. We had a Zoom Event attended by the Province and Schools.

**Province** (LSG Goals 1, 2, 5) (SDG 4,13, 14)

*Teresa Ball Bi-Centenary Environmental Project*

In March 2020 the province was consulted to suggest a plan of action for the environmental project. As a result of the many suggestions, it was decided to focus on tree planting and the possibility of solar panels for some of our community houses.

**Tree Planting:** A two-prong approach was decided upon.

(1) In collaboration with Sr Patricia McLoughlin, a project with the region in Peru entitled '**Ireland Blossoms in Peru**' has been funded. The plan includes the following:

Produce Bio-gardens for Nursery and Primary school.

Build and stock with small animals a mini school farm.

Cultivate hydroponic vegetables. Preserve endangered Peruvian plants.

Build composting corners in the Bio-gardens.

Encourage the breeding of earthworms for efficient vegetable production.

Experience the benefits of Biofertilizers.

Continue to cultivate what is ours by growing different varieties of potatoes.

Produce a medicinal and herb garden. Produce a butterfly and hummingbird habitat.

Resurrect an abandoned community vegetable garden in the parish beside the school.

Planting Molle trees for shade.

#### **WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT:**

The whole school community, parents and extended community guided by the nursery, primary and secondary teachers and members of the school administration.

#### **WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT:**

The whole school community which consists of 1040 students, (510 girls & 535 boys), 600 families, 55 members of staff and women from the parish.

#### **WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE DESIGNING OF THE PROJECT:**

Administration: Patricia Mc Laughlin. Guillermina Quispe Ccollana.

2 nursery schoolteachers, 3 primary school teachers, 5 secondary school teachers, 2 school parents, 1 member of the parish. Representatives of the student body, nursery, primary and secondary.

Sr Patricia stated that 'We would like to begin by thanking you for this wonderful initiative and here in *Fe y Alegria* we are delighted to forward this project. To have a garden area in the school has been one of our dreams for a long time'.

(2) **Second venture** is ongoing, a project between JPIC committee, the community St Michael's Navan, Trees on the Land and Easy Treesie. Trees on the Land is a cross-border initiative working to establish young native trees across the 32 counties of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. They provide simple schemes for landowners to access quality native tree mixes each season. Work with farmers, smallholders, community groups, councils, clubs and many other landowners to coordinate sites to accommodate trees. They plant small woodlands, orchards, hedgerows, shelter belts, coppice, wood-pasture, agroforestry, individual trees, rows and avenues of trees, landscape and amenity trees, reforestation sites and larger woodlands. Easy Treesie support the organisation of tree-planting wherever they can! They aim to assist groups wishing to plant chiefly native saplings in their own locality. To attain places to plant the trees they work with local communities, individuals, companies, and local authorities – whoever has space and is willing to provide it! They follow up on these locations to see that trees are taken care of.

*Investments:* As a province we continue to invest in environmental and sustainable projects. (LSG 3) (SDG 13)

**Schools** (LSG 5,7) (SDG 4,13,14, 17)

As we do not have an active role in our schools, the whole focus is that of awareness, advocacy, and support. Each year we have decided to choose a theme. Last year, it was the *Environment*. With that in mind we ran a competition for our schools Environmental Competition.pptx

Attached is a flavour of the entrants. The theme this year is *Fast Fashion*. We had another competition for the schools. The Zoom event for the announcement of the winners, took place some weeks ago Loreto Tackles Fast Fashion Entrants. Many schools and Sisters tuned into the event.

The schools have also held other events, throughout the academic year, detailed account will be included in the June Newsletter. Below is a flavour of some:

### **Balbriggan, Co Dublin**

Fifth Year students attended a webinar on Gender, Justice and Girls' Leadership in a world of Climate Change. A global event hosted by the youth interns from IBVM NGO office in Spain, Canada and the UN.

In November, the JPIC captains and senior prefects held an **outdoor Prayer Service** to honour the integrity of creation. The service concluded with a short meditation by Hildegard of Bingen:

*Glance at the sun. See the moon and stars.  
Gaze at the beauty of Earth's greenings.  
Now think what delight God gives to humankind.  
But we are to work with it.  
For without it we cannot survive.*

### **Loreto St Michael's' Navan**

The school celebrated its 44th consecutive Social Justice Week in March. With the easing of Covid restrictions the annual event managed to return to some of its previous glory. The SecondYear workshop ran was based on Fast Fashion and during this workshop the students examined the causes of Fast Fashion and they designed their own T-shirts which outlined their key learning from the workshop.

**Submitted by Fionnuala Lynch IBVM**

## CJ AMERINDIA (ARGENTINA – BRASIL – CHILE)

In Amerindian Province we continue to work every day to be able to carry forward the Laudato Si' Plan through different interventions and projects at the educational level in our Schools and communities.

- Science Academy:
- Science workshops
- Recycling within the schools
- Support for Hogar de Cristo's Outpatient Programme for the Elderly (PADAM). Each month we support the various needs of the older adults in this programme, with food as the main contribution and accompaniment by our students.
- Support for feeding centres in vulnerable sectors and street people.
- Various solidarity campaigns that go directly to help those most in need.
- Creation of a JPIC team of lay educators in direct collaboration with the sisters.
- Campaign to collect plastic lids to help children with cancer.
- Creation of a JPIC curriculum project which will be implemented in the different areas of study in the schools in Chile.
- Creation of communities of service and care for the environment, who ensure that common spaces and green areas are cared for within the schools.
- Emphasising awareness of environmental care as care for creation through workshops, conferences and talks.
- Creation of a vegetable garden in the initial levels of the children.
- Beautification of green areas.
- Ecological vegetable garden.
- Yoga workshop.
- Literary competition "Insama in 85 words" ecological version.
- Bartering (exchanges) of toys, circular economy.
- Joining the "Inter-school Environmental Inter-school".
- Environmental Carnival.
- Field trips to appreciate the environment, flora and fauna.
- Attending congress for environmental certification, Ministry of the Environment in Chile.
- Development of the INSAMA 2023 tree project.
- Elaboration of recycling islands project. 2023.
- Purchase of ecological containers for separated recycling.
- Municipal agreement for waste collection 2023.



- Avoiding the excessive use of paper and plastics and promoting the use of reusable bags.
- Use of composting.
- Through catechesis we are developing ecological awareness of God's creation.
- Educating in the care of water and electricity.

**Submitted by Paula Montano CJ**



**IBVM CANADA LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN**

**Goals for September 2022 – August 2023**

<b>MINISTRY or FUNCTION NAME</b>	<b>LAUDATO SI GOAL #</b>	<b>MINISTRY GOAL (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, has a time frame)</b>	<b>KEY ACTIONS/STEPS TO ACHIEVE GOAL</b>	<b>TIME FRAME (Milestones)</b>	<b>ANTICIPATED OUTCOME(S)</b>	<b>PROGRESS ACHIEVED</b>
<b>Mary Ward Centre</b>	Ecological Spirituality (#6) Goal #5 (Ecological Education)	Create events to inform and to develop a ‘Laudato Si’ spirituality	Laudato Si’ Retreat for Animators (a collaboration with Jericho House Retreat Centre	April 29-30, 2023		
			Bees for Peace In collaboration with the Jesuit Forum	Sept. 19, 2022		<b>Complete</b>
			Host and help facilitate the Laudato Si Movement Canada annual Advisor Circle Strategy Meeting	Sept. 29, 2022		<b>Complete</b>
			Hold a Creation Walk during the Season of Creation.	Sept. 25, 2022		<b>Complete</b>
			Participate in the Global Climate Strike	Sept. 23, 2022	Involve Loretto College Residents	<b>Complete</b>
		Continue to gather people to share	To gather a group to watch and discuss the “Letter.”	Date to be determined	Encourage on-going dialogue on Laudato Si’	

		Collaborate with other partners in IBVM	Continue to be involved in the Advisory Circle Disseminate information and notice of events	Ongoing		
<b>Finance Office</b>		<b>New:</b> policy sets action plan and targets	Agreement signed with SVX to assist with education and deployment of part of portfolio to Impact Investments	August - September 2022		<b>Complete</b>
			Invest in two funds NEI investments			<b>Complete Sept. 2022</b>
			First social impact bond			<b>October 2022</b>
			Two education sessions	September and November 2022		<b>Sept. session took place as planned</b>
	<b>#1</b>	To assess viability of a 'Laudato Si Fund'		Timeline will change and likely move into 2023		
	<b>1, 2, 3</b>	Assess investments for ESG, particularly re environment and indigenous reconciliation	Meet with each investment manager, asking them to report on fund and LS related	2022 – 2024. Aim to meet with 2 managers / year		
<b>Loretto College</b>	Goal #5 (Ecological Education)	Host an educational, awareness raising event about climate change and the ecological vocation of young people (co-	Coordinate a planning meeting with MWC intern, Don portfolio rep, and Dean. -Create an advertisement and promote on social media.	Determine a series of planning meetings to coordinate event (location, documentary, technology, presenter for	Encourage resident engagement through attendance and active participation; facilitate post-	Host event and document it (photos shared with IBVM archives and written statement drafted by a resident for the IBVM newsletter)

		sponsored with MWC; virtual lecture offered by U of T)		welcoming remarks, and group discussion facilitator) -Host event for Earth Day (April 22, 2023) earlier in mid-April 2023 (or before exam period begins)	documentary debrief for conversation around actionable personal goals	
<b>Loretto College</b>	Goal #4 (Adoption of Simple Lifestyles)  Goal #3 (Ecological Economics)	Try to cut back on single-use plastics in the student dining hall and for resident events/programming  Measure food waste	Work with Compass to reduce the use of plastic containers/ single-use plastics  Create a visual representation of food waste in the student dining hall after major meal times; develop campaign to cut back on food waste	-Plan a series of meetings with food services staff, Facilities Manager, Don representative, and Dean to develop initiatives to cut back on single use plastics and food waster in the dining hall -Develop a passive poster campaign	Increased understanding of ecological choices and lifestyle among residents	Ongoing discussion at House Council, Don team, and Compass Food Services meetings
<b>Loretto College Dons and House Council</b>	Goal #5 (Ecological Education)	Mark Earth Hour by turning off *select* lights in the Student Residence for 1 hour	One hour 8:30pm to 9:30 pm	March 26, 2023 (Earth Hour)	Awareness raised and students educated on the environmental benefits of energy conservation	Facilitate event and document it (photos shared with IBVM archives and written statement drafted by a resident for the IBVM newsletter)
<b>Loretto Maryholme</b>	Ecological Spirituality (#6)	Renew existing and create new meditative features for	Refresh landscaping, create new features and signage for: New Beginnings Garden,	September 2022	Visitors to LMH can experience new and renewed meditative and	√ Done

		reflection & contemplation	Peace Pole, Pondering Pond, Mothering Garden, Meadow Walk.		contemplative features immersed in God's creation.	
			Refresh Labyrinth with new signage. Replenish surrounding forest and grounds with new tree plantings.	October 2022		√ Done
			Create new brochures as tools for Pondering Pond, Mothering Garden, New Beginnings Garden, Cairn. Update website, fB & flyers to coordinate.	Winter 2022 to April 2023		
			Film videos & short vignettes of Meadow Walk, New Beginning Garden, Peace Pole, Cairn, Pondering Pond, Mothering Garden.	May 2022 to August 2023		
			Upload videos & vignettes for offerings of virtual meditative walk experiences of LMH features to website, FB and YouTube.	May 2022 to August 2023		
<b>Loretto House</b>	Partnerships (#7)	Be available to other Loretto Canada initiatives			Widen our partnerships within Loretto	

		as resource persons				
		Join the Parish Laudato Si group			Widen our partnerships in local area	
		Mark Earth hour by turning off lights for 1 hour	Earth Hour. Invite others to join us for this event.	March 26, 2023	Offer the opportunity to young people to participate in a social way	
	Response to Cry of the Earth #1	Use organic gardening practices			Nurture the local soil	
	Goal 5 & 6 Ecological education and spirituality	Be available to other Loretto Canada initiatives as resource persons				
		Creation centred prayer time	Offer prayer time by zoom on Mondays at 7 pm to 7:30			
<b>Mary Ward Circle – Loretto College</b>	Ecological Spirituality (#6)	“... bowing in awe and wonder...” Karl. Rahner	Each member will <b>intentionally</b> take time between monthly Mary Ward Circle meetings to become aware of God’s creation - through reading, prayer, immersing herself in nature,	Once a month MWC meetings to focus the sharing on how we experienced God’s creation during the previous month and how it affected our spirituality	Each member becomes more in tune with the interior movement of ecological spirituality in order to act when necessary	Ongoing Monthly meetings with the emphasis on Creation (Mary Ward’s Estate of Justice)

			stopping to ‘smell the roses’			
<b>Mary Ward Circle, Meeting at Presentation Manor</b>	Ecological Spirituality (#6)	Educate and raise ecological awareness	Connect science and the divine through sharing, modeling, immersing ourselves into and communing with creation and the Creator.	Our monthly MWC to be moments of sharing how we have achieved these goals and how it affected our spirituality.	Each one becomes more in tune with Creation and our Creator while sharing our experience with others and inviting them to share.	Ongoing Monthly meetings with the emphasis on Creation (Mary Ward’s Estate of Justice)

**Submitted by Ursula Witkowska ibvm and Sarah Rudolph ibvm**

**IBVM U. S. 2022 LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN**

<b>Ministry or Function Name</b>	<b>Laudato Si' Goals # 1-7</b>	<b>Ministry Event Goal</b>	<b>Duration or Event Date</b>	<b>Anticipated Outcome(s)</b>
<b>Finance Office</b>	# 1 Response to the Cry of the Earth #2 Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized #3 Ecological Economics # 4 Adoption of Simple Lifestyles #5 Ecological Education #6 Ecological Spirituality #7 Partnerships	To align IBVM U.S. Money Management & Investments with Laudato Si' Goals	Ongoing process through Laudato Si' & into the future	Network of cooperation with various agencies & institutions promoting these goals
<b>IBVM Leadership, Sisters &amp; Companions Collection for Ukraine War Refugees</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Collection of Funds for Food and Clothing	Spring of 2022	Immediate relief to War Refugees
<b>U.S. IBVM Leadership Special Projects</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor and Marginalized (#2)	Webinar on Racism and our role in perpetuating it	January 2021	Daily awareness of how language and actions, well intended, can be insulting, a realization of the need to change language
<b>U.S. IBVM Leadership Membership in LCWR</b>	Goals 1-7	To maintain a network of Women Religious	Ongoing: attended Assembly Aug. 9-12, 2022	Bring a spotlight and awareness to shared goals



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<b>S.P.R.E.D.</b> (Special Religious Development for persons with developmental disabilities) In Western Springs IBVM, St. John of the Cross, Knights of Columbus, (Prog. of Archdiocese of Chicago)	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	To provide an environment that makes program participants, the disabled, feel welcome in the Church	Ongoing	To be successful in our ministry goal and keep the program relevant
<b>Intellectual Disabilities Drive</b> Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, IBVM Sisters and Companions, St. John of the Cross Volunteers	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Fundraiser for Western Springs S.P.R.E.D.	Saturday September 17th 2022	To raise enough funds to sustain the S.P.R.E.D. program through another year
<b>Mary Ward Center</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Education (#5) Partnerships (#7)	To empower volunteers to teach English and computer skills in the immigrant community, allowing them to gain better employment	Ongoing	Participants to graduate successfully, prepared for life and jobs in the U.S.
<b>"Stepping ForWard"</b> Mary Ward Center Walk & Picnic	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6)	To Support the Mary Ward Center through fun & fellowship in a beautiful outdoor setting	Saturday April 30th 2022	Combine fellowship and fundraising by walking in God's beautiful creation

<b>Ministry or Function Name</b>	<b>Laudato Si' #1-7 Goals</b>	<b>Ministry Event Goal</b>	<b>Duration or Event Date</b>	<b>Anticipated Outcome(s)</b>
<b>Mary Ward A Day of Reflection</b> IBVM & Mercy Sisters	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6)	Author, Avis Clendenen presented the charism of Mary Ward	June 16th 2022	Promote inward reflection, confirmation & incentive
<b>Spiritual Direction</b>	Adoption of Simple Lifestyles (#4) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	Provide guidance on a personal one on one level	Ongoing	Individual deeper realization of being one with the Creator
<b>Anawim Arts</b>	Adoption of Simple Lifestyles (#4) Partnerships (#7)	Where artists and would-be artists of written, visual, and media arts support and inspire each other to find joy in the creative process and deepen their spirituality	Ongoing	Beauty and simplicity can be revealed, both alone & through collaboration with other artists
<b>Anawim Art Show</b> displayed outdoors as part of the Wheaton Franciscans 75th anniversary celebration	Adoption of Simple Lifestyles (#4) Partnerships (#7)	To promote the ministry of Art displayed outdoors	Saturday June 11th, 2022	Hundreds of people to see what is possible through artistic expression
<b>Illinois Women Religious against Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking Collaborative IL</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Be part of an event that allows for victims and experts to share personal stories and possible solutions	Saturday November 5th, 2022	Bring awareness to this issue, through an event that brings interested parties together to share their individual perspective

<b>Ministry or Function Name</b>	<b>Laudato Si' 1-7 Goals #</b>	<b>Ministry Event Goal</b>	<b>Duration or Event Date</b>	<b>Anticipated Outcome(s)</b>
<b>Nature</b> at IBVM Convents, landscapes, gardens, flower, vegetables	Response to The Cry of the Earth (#1) Adoption of Simple Lifestyles (#4) Ecological Spirituality (#6)	Support native pollinators; provide water conservation; by being involved with nature one stays close to a simpler way of living & promotes spiritual growth	Ongoing throughout the four seasons.	1.To learn as the years go by through collaboration, mistakes and successes. 2.Growing closer to God through an awareness of nature.
<b>" A New Ecological Consciousness"</b> U.S. IBVM Commitment to Recycling	Response To The Cry of the Earth (#1) Adoption of Simple Lifestyles (#4) Ecological Spirituality (#6)	To adopt practices that align and comport with a sustainable way of life on this planet	Ongoing	Success through commitment to change
<b>Diocese of Joliet</b> Laudato Si' Ministries Season of Creation Prayer Service at the Wheaton Franciscans Sr. Barb gave message	Encompassed all 7 Goals	To motivate & Inspire, causing personal reflection and networking	Thursday, September 1, 2022, 6:30 PM	Inspiring start to another year of the Laudato Si' Action Plan
<b>Mass at the Wheaton Franciscans</b> Recognition & Dedication of Sr. Christa's Mission at the Border. Blessing of Srs. Judy, Barb & Christa on Departure to Spain	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	To bring program supporters together	Sunday, October 3, 2022, 10:30 AM	To successfully inspire and dedicate each mission

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<b>Sr. Christa's Ministry</b> at the U.S. Mexico Border, EL Paso/Ciudad; supported through IBVM & Franciscan efforts	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	Lend aid and support to refugees at the U.S. Southern Border	Ongoing	Deliver hope & promise of a brighter future to people living a bleak existence
<b>Western Springs</b> IBVM at St. John of the Cross, Friend & Fundraiser for EL Paso/Ciudad Juarez	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Fundraiser	Sunday, 10 July, 2022	Raise funds for continuity of support for ministry at the border
<b>2021-2022 U.S. JPIC Committee Donations &amp; Affiliations</b> Network Pax Christi Audubon Society Sierra Club Ocean Conservancy Peace Day Meals on Wheels No. Illinois Food Bank Greater Chicago Food Depository, I Grow Chicago My Block, My Hood U.S. Catholic Climate Covenant, St. Vincent De Paul Phoenix, U.S. Catholic Srs. Against Human Trafficking	We support through partnering with many organizations that share the goals of Laudato Si'	<b>IBVM Constitution Vol 2, 1.14</b> "As Mary Ward had the grace of forgiveness, we seek to be instruments of justice, peace and reconciliation wherever there is brokenness and oppression, wherever there is need. The rights and dignity of women are central to our concern." Care of God's creation is central to our beliefs.	Ongoing throughout the year	Promote groups whose business includes Justice, Peace and Care of Creation

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<b>U.S. JPIC Special Project Grants</b>	Possible goals 1 thru 7	To sponsor projects that align with any of the 7 goals	October 1, 2022 January 1, 2023 April 1, 2023 July 1, 2023	Support Individual Laudato Si' Projects
<b>U.S. JPIC Committee Support of Harmony Hope &amp; Healing</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	Provides welcoming spaces for people experiencing trauma and isolation to heal through creative self-expression, music and the arts	Ongoing	Continue to reach an ever-expanding circle of people through healing
<b>U.S. JPIC through Catholic Relief Services, Haiti Relief Fund</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Immediate relief of human suffering	2021	Successful delivery of food clothing and shelter
<b>U.S. JPIC Through Catholic Relief Services, Afghanistan Relief Fund</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Immediate relief of human suffering	2021	Successful delivery of food clothing and shelter
<b>U.S. JPIC Support of Bethany House</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	Bethany House of Hospitality offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence	Ongoing	Through a positive nurturing environment, success for the women in the program
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<b>2022-2023 U.S. JPIC Committee Donations &amp; Affiliations</b> - Human Trafficking Collaborative II. - Kino Institute St. Vincent DePaul Phoenix -Harmony Hope & Healing -Northern II. Food Bank	Goals 1 - 7	To implement L.S. goals 1 through 7 with financial and labor donations	Ongoing	Success
<b>U.S. JPIC</b> Holiday food Assistance to families at the Mary Ward Center	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2)	Provide food and nutrition	November, December, 2022	Alleviate stress and hunger
<b>U.S. JPIC</b> Hurricane Ian Relief	Goals 1-7	Financially, partner with groups on the ground	October, November, 2022	To provide assistance where needed
<b>Arizona Companions &amp; Sisters</b> Mission at the U.S. Mexico Border at the Kino Border Institute	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	Provide food, support & person power to the ongoing needs of the mission	Monthly	To support the needs of the mission but specifically bring relief & comfort through personal encounters
<b>KBI Fundraiser</b> supported by Az Srs. & Companions	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	To raise awareness and funds to support the mission	Saturday, 12 March, 2022	To support the needs of the mission

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<b>Sisters &amp; Arizona Companions</b> Support of St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Ecological Spirituality (#6) Partnerships (#7)	Provide food, financial support & person power for the ongoing needs of the mission	Ongoing	To relieve hunger by delivering food to where the need is greatest
<b>Saints Simon and Jude School in Phoenix AZ</b>	All 7	Educational Programs	Ongoing	Success
<b>SsSJ, Student Commissioner of Ecology</b> Daily Eco tips regarding our planet, collection of grocery bags, batteries & water bottle drives; annual tree planting fundraiser; "Earth Week" activities	Response to the Cry of the Earth (#1) Adoption of simple Lifestyles (#4) Ecological Education (#5)	Promotes recycling, environmental restoration	Ongoing throughout the year	To help with environmental restoration and conservation of resources
<b>SsSJ, Student Commissioner of Religious Affairs</b> Starts the Morning prayer, incorporating current events, ecological issues and prayers for the poor.	Goals 1 -7	Promotes education on various issues	Ongoing throughout the year	To raise awareness in one's daily life of issues of others and the world we live in
<b>SsSJ, Student Finance Commissioner</b> Holds fundraisers for help-a-student program, Mexico Mission, Andre House, St. Vincent de Paul and Sunnyslope Elementary School. Examples of support efforts are collection of canned goods, "pancake and PJ breakfast", buck a jean day and others	Goals 1-7	To raise awareness and funds for the supported missions and causes	Ongoing throughout the year	To successfully support the missions at hand

<b>Mass of Remembrance</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2)	To recognize prayerfully those that have gone before	Sunday November 6, 2022	Quiet Fulfillment
<b>IBVM Companions Illinois, Michigan, California</b>	Goals 1-7	Supporting the U.S. IBVM Mission in implementing Multiple L.S. Goals	Ongoing throughout the year	Success
<b>IBVM Presence Ministry at Snr. Living locations Casa, Mercy, St. Patrick's.</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2)	IBVM Sisters in daily mission to those around them where they live	Ongoing throughout the year by being present to those in need	Quiet, Diligent, Success
<b>Prayers for the Sick</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized, specifically (#2)	Engaging Sisters, companions & all in the power and hope of constant prayer	Ongoing throughout the year	Success & fulfilment on multiple levels
<b>Parliament of the World's Religions McCormick Place Chicago</b>	Response to the Cry of the Poor & Marginalized (#2) Partnerships (#7)	To Partner with others and build the mission	Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18, 2023	To successfully network & build the mission

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