

WORLD EARTH DAY 2024 – SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME BANGALORE

World Earth Day was celebrated by the Sisters of Notre Dame in the Provincial House Community on April 22, 2024. The glittering lights created a soothing ambience to participate in the prayer service created for this occasion. The Sisters were seated on the lawn to feel the gentle touch of the Earth Mother.



Certain rituals were performed to connect with Mother Earth.





1:

Holy Water was sprinkled on all the Sisters to enjoy the freshness of the water to free us from all our negativity so that we “can walk on the wings of the wind.”

2: Sisters prayed the prayer of Commitment:

- “We commit ourselves to care for all the gifts of Creation.
 - . We commit ourselves to explore and understand environmental concerns.
 - We commit to work with others for environmental justice.
- Come Holy Spirit; enkindle in us the fire of your love
- Send your breath over the waters and we shall be re-created.
- And we shall renew the face of the Earth”

3: The globe was passed on from one sister to another to symbolically take personal responsibility to respect and protect Mother Earth.

The Earth is ultimately a common heritage, the fruits of which are for the benefit of all. God wills the interdependence of creatures. The sun and the moon, the cedar and the little flower, the eagle and the sparrow: no part of creation is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #340.)



We prayed for all God's creation:

- ❖ We pray for the waters of the rivers, that through God's grace we will fill them again with bountiful life.
- ❖ We pray for the soil of the earth, that through God's grace we will work for abundant harvests for all.
- ❖ We pray for the birds of the trees, that through God's grace we can offer them sheltering green leaves.
- ❖ We pray for all of this sacred Earth, that through God's grace and with God's help we will renew the music of creation's pulsating life.



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