

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation News

Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours



International Mother Earth Day

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"Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us." Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #1

The first Earth Day was celebrated in the United States in 1970 but it wasn't until 2009 that the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed April 22nd as an annual global celebration called International Mother Earth Day. While the United States is among only a few nations that have not adopted this title, I love the name "Mother Earth"! It speaks to me of comfort, care, fecundity and endless, generous giving of self – just like a mother. It speaks of a loving and intimate relationship: Earth as "a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us."

As we approach International Mother Earth Day 2022, what would it be like if, in all the days leading up to April 22, each of us reading this Newsletter made a commitment to "be with" Mother Earth in a very intentional way? What would it be like if we calendared time to linger and smell her flowers, to stand in her rain and to feel her grass under our feet? How might we grow in our appreciation of Mother Earth if we made time each day listening to her birds, watching her buds open, marveling at the shape of her clouds, or pausing to savor a succulent piece of her fruit? What would it be like if we spent these days slowing down and noticing her beauty and her goodness to us? What would that do for our souls? How would these practices help us develop an ecological spirituality in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*?

For this Newsletter I have chosen quotes and letters from people who have cultivated a deep connection with Mother Earth – a sacred bond. May their words that express their love for Mother Earth inspire each of us to do the same. Happy International Mother Earth Day!

April
JPIC Days of Remembrance

April 7
World Health Day

April 22
International Mother Earth Day



"Praise be to you, my Lord,
through our Sister, Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit
with colored flowers and herbs."
Laudato Si' #1



"Knowing that you love Earth changes you,
activates you to defend and
protect and celebrate.
But when you feel that Earth
loves you in return,
that feeling transforms the relationship
from a one-way street into a sacred bond."

Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass*

Reflection

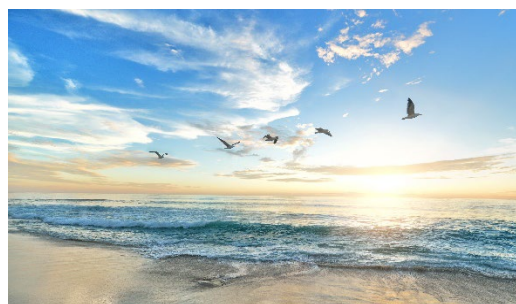
Does using the term "Mother Earth" affect how you think of our common home or help you relate to our common home in a different way?

What can you do this month to cultivate a deeper connection to Mother Earth?

Which words in this Newsletter
~ most inspired you?

~ challenged you?

~ gave you a different perspective?



April 24 – 30
World Immunization Week

April 25
World Malaria Day

Sisters of Bon Secours...Women of healing...defending and caring for all creation (Mission Focus)

*“Earth is at the same time mother,
she is mother of all that is natural,
mother of all that is human.
She is the mother of all,
for contained in her are the seeds of all.”*
Hildegard of Bingen



*“In some Native languages
the term for plants
translates to
“those who take care of us.”*

Robin Wall Kimmerer,
Braiding Sweetgrass



*“From panoramic vistas
to the tiniest living form,
nature is a constant source of wonder and awe.
It is also a continuing revelation of the divine.”*
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’* #85

Dear Mother Earth,

I bow my head before you as I look deeply and recognize that you are present in me and that I'm a part of you. I was born from you and you are always present, offering me everything I need for my nourishment and growth. My mother, my father, and all my ancestors are also your children. We breathe your fresh air. We drink your clear water. We eat your nourishing food. Your herbs heal us when we're sick.

You are the mother of all beings. I call you by the human name Mother and yet I know your mothering nature is more vast and more ancient than humankind. We are just one young species of your many children. All the millions of other species who live—or have lived—on Earth are also your children. You aren't a person, but I know you are not less than a person either. You are a living breathing being in the form of a planet.

Each species has its own language, yet as our Mother you can understand us all. That is why you can hear me today as I open my heart to you and offer you my prayer.

Dear Mother, wherever there is soil, water, rock or air, you are there, nourishing me and giving me life. You are present in every cell of my body. My physical body is your physical body, and just as the sun and stars are present in you, they are also present in me. You are not outside of me and I am not outside of you. You are more than just my environment. You are nothing less than myself.

I promise to keep the awareness alive that you are always in me, and I am always in you. I promise to be aware that your health and well-being is my own health and well-being. I know I need to keep this awareness alive in me for us both to be peaceful, happy, healthy, and strong.

Dear Mother, my deep wish is to wake up to the miracle of life. I promise to train myself to be present for myself, my life, and for you in every moment. I know that my true presence is the best gift I can offer to you, the one I love.

Thích Nhất Hạnh

Reflection #1

As you reflect on these letters to Mother Earth
what feelings arise in you?

Consider writing your own letter to Mother Earth on April 22.



Dear Pachá Mama, generous Mother Earth,

We are gathered here to reaffirm once again our commitment and willingness to defend you until our last breath.

On this Mother Earth Day we remember how generous you are, how much abundance you provide, and how many gifts you offer your sons and daughters.

We speak on behalf of those who understand you as an integrated ecosystem, in which the physical, biological, spiritual and energetic dimensions of our existence dance harmoniously, allowing an infinity of beings to enjoy your work.

We speak on behalf of those who have a more intimate connection with you – the indigenous, those born and raised in traditional populations – and who are accustomed to the cycles of sowing and harvesting, which requires the commitment, hard work, respect for nature and wisdom from all of us.

Today we face a great challenge: a pandemic of global proportions, caused by the careless and pretentious way in which we engage with creation.

The signs of our bad attitude are obvious: the climate has changed; many lack water; breathing has become difficult in several places; fruits are scarce; and many of our peoples are forced to move in search of food and better living conditions.

But we ask you, Generous Mother who heals, do not give up on us. Forgive your children who have not yet understood that we are all one and that everything is related.

Beloved Mother, accept your children requests who know that without you nothing sprouts and nothing grows.

Only you know the future that we are making. But we trust your love and generosity to guide us toward a restorative transformation that will alleviate suffering and heal wounds. We ask for your compassion and a little more patience. We are here, we are for you and we are all one.

The indigenous people in the Amazon

Reflection #2

Spend some time reflecting on the LSAP survey results
that accompany this newsletter.

What transformation of relationship with Mother Earth is
God asking of you? Asking of Bon Secours?



Sisters of Bon Secours/Bon Secours Family LSAP Survey Summary


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Participants	
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Ireland/GB	43
Peru	195
USA	48

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Goal 1: Cry of Earth




	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	69%	15%
Ireland/GB	81%	44%
Peru	83.1%	73.8%
USA	60%	31%

Goal 2: Cry of the Poor




	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	61%	15%
Ireland/GB	76.7%	34.9%
Peru		87.2%
USA	85%	39.6%

Goal 3: Ecological Economics




	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	46%	7%
Ireland/GB	32.6%	20.9%
Peru		65.6%
USA	35%	20%

Goal 4: Simple Lifestyle




	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	46%	30%
Ireland/GB	62.8%	46.5%
Peru		78.5%
USA	58%	31%

Goal 5: Ecological Education




	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	7%	23%
Ireland/GB	60.5%	32.6%
Peru		78.8%
USA	40%	14%

Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality



	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	15%	15%
Ireland/GB	67.4%	53.5%
Peru		64.6%
USA	37%	25%

Goal 7: Community Participation/Advocacy



	Very Aware	Very Responsive
France	7%	0%
Ireland/GB	51.2%	23.3%
Peru		61.5%
USA	37%	12.5%

How has the experience of this reflection process impacted your commitment to the Laudato Si' Action Platform goals?

	To be more committed	To be as committed as I already am
France	7%	61%
Ireland/GB	62.8%	37.2%
Peru	29.7%	70.3%
USA	77%	23%

*Note: Peru did not include the question about “Awareness” for goals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.



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Goal 1: Cry of Earth



	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Single use plastic 73%	Eat less meat 50%
Ireland/GB	Re-usable bags & bottles, Meatless Mondays 70%+	Solar/wind, hybrid cars 10%
Peru	Re-usable bags & bottles, LED lights 70%+	Solar/wind, hybrid cars <10%
USA	Re-usable bags & bottles LED lights 85%+	Solar/wind 6%; Hybrid 23%

Goal 2: Cry of the Poor



	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Pray for poor people 99%	Address JPIC priorities 25%
Ireland/GB	Pray for poor people 84%	Address displacement 16%
Peru	Work w/poor people 73%	Address displacement 14%
USA	Pray for poor people 76%	Address HT 17%
	Address racism 61%	Address displacement 21%

Goal 3: Ecological Economics



	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Support local business 30%	Grow food 11%
Ireland/GB	Support local business 77%	Ethical consumption 27%
Peru	Support local business 61%	Fair Trade/ethical Consumption 35%
USA	Support local business 57%	

Goal 4: Simple Lifestyle



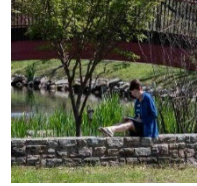
	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Data not available	Shop 2 nd hand 53%
Ireland/GB	High in most areas 75%+	Shop 2 nd hand 22%
Peru	Reusable bags 87%	Shop 2 nd hand 37%
USA	Use leftovers; donate Used goods 90%	

Goal 5: Ecological Education



	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Most use JPIC Newsletter	Webinars, etc. 35%
Ireland/GB	JPIC Newsletter 72%	JPIC Newsletter 22%
Peru	Books/articles 75%	Webinars, etc. 17%
USA	JPIC Newsletter 56%	

Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality



	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Data not available	Spirituality/Retreats 30%
Ireland/GB	Time in nature 80%	Spirituality/Retreats 12%
Peru	Time in nature 42%	Spirituality/Retreats 17%
USA	Time in nature 75%	

Goal 7: Community Participation/Advocacy








	Highest scoring	Lowest scoring
France	Most did not respond to this question	Campaign participation 16%
Ireland/GB	Encourage others 31%	Participate in Organizations 4%
Peru	Encourage others 77%	Campaign participation 24%
USA	Encourage others 38%	Participate in Organizations 23%

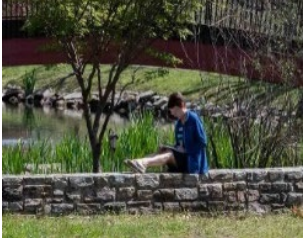


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Note: Ireland/GB, Peru and USA took the survey online and data was automatically analyzed and reported. France completed the survey in a pdf format so the data was compiled manually.




Goal	France	Ireland/GB	Peru	USA
<p>Goal 1 Responding to Cry of Earth</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer time, especially during Lauds and Vespers (intercessory prayers), and with those sent by the congregation. • By supporting demonstrations on ecology and the climate. • We use the bulletin to pray for the days that are marked on it and also the prayers sent by the congregation • Encourage the sisters to be interested in environmental issues and also to do something to take care of the earth. How to save water in the shower. • All the bedrooms of the visitors a sheet about some actions taken for the care of the planet and it must be respected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are exploring solar panels for Community house at CnocMhuire • Sisters and associates in Ireland_ & GB are more aware of issues of_our planet through attending webinars , Listening to media reports and reading relevant documents • We are taking small steps to respond to the cry of the earth and it is part of our prayer and consciousness JPIC team promotes actions to respond to cry of the earth and is supported by the leadership team Sisters participate in Meatless Monday, use reusable shopping bags, less paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing and discussion of JPIC Bulletin in local communities and ministries where possible. • Small project to use solar panels in some local communities. • Creation of organic gardens promoted in local communities, families, associates, our ministries and some institutions with which we work. • Raising awareness about issue of recycling plastics, paper and water becomes a culture. • Implementation of solid waste treatment in our communities and in the ministries that we accompany (have a specialist and educational workshops). • Sustainability in the use of cloth or paper bags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBS/RCC: Recycling, Earth friendly cleaning products, no plastic bottle use, reuse water; energy and Earth-friendly water fountains • Researching solar panels • Gardening • Staff attentive to care of Earth • Transitioning all new cars to hybrids • Canines do training at RCC • CBS/RCC: composting; Composting report for May, 2021: diverted 1,491 lbs (71% increase over April)
<p>Goal 2 Responding to Cry of the Poor</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support migrants, condemn violence against migrants • At Secours Catholique, a sister from the Community takes part every week in welcoming destitute or isolated people for a period of conviviality of around 2 hours. • Regularly distribute the ACAT leaflets – petitions (JPIC priority), at the end of our Sunday Eucharist. • Reception of the most disadvantaged in the parish • Make donations to: Tierra Solidaria, Houses where pregnant women are welcomed and have no shelter, to an association that works for the abolition of torture, etc. • We hire low-income people to do some jobs around our house. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have provided financial donations to a number of organisations that support the poor. • One Sister advocates on behalf of victims of human trafficking and maintains contact with support organisations • We have initiated education sessions on racism. • We acknowledge that at times we have become immune to the needs of the poor and while we make financial donations to help them, we know our behaviours collectively continue to impact on the poor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support with food, medicine for Venezuelan migrants and steps in their legal situation. • We have a reception center for battered women, which is not yet operational due to the lack of an inspection visit from the Ministry of Women. • We belong to the Kawsay Network, we pray for the victim of trafficking, we participate in some protest marches; • Offer institutions services in their right to education (school vacancies) to the Venezuelan population. • Implementation of the policy on child care designed by the Fe y Alegría federation. • Participation as an educational institution in the Fe y Alegría federative committees: "Gender equality" and "Light of the girls" with very positive results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge • Education about Mental Health (RCC) • AWE sponsorship of AWE , food collections, fundraising events • Sweater collections • Water with Blessings Project • Donating meals to staff due to COVID • Sponsored trip to US/Mexican border • Monetary donations to UNANIMA, Friends in Solidarity and other organizations. • Book discussion: White Supremacy





<p>Goal 3 Ecological Economics Ethical Investments Ethical Production/Consumption Divestment from Fossil Fuels Investment in Renewable Energy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the level of the world organization of one of our sisters • prohibit any waste, individual and community • Seek to SHARE what we have. • Seek to invest in institutions that do not use our resources in anything other than in favor of the most excluded of society • This sponsorship committee has a great job and responsibility to be aware of keeping our properties well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our investments are managed in accord with the Socially Responsible Investment Policy of CBS • Our investment managers adhere to this policy and it is monitored to ensure we do not invest in companies that do not respect Human life, who support tobacco production or support weapons manufacturing or violence and gambling. The screening criteria is applied to new investment portfolios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We try to consume products from local markets, although we also shop in supermarkets. • Some local communities are more committed than others in raising awareness about caring for the environment. • We are committed to taking care of the personnel in our ministries: CMC and Centro Siloé, with the PPE and providing fair wages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many sisters purchase locally • Investor influence – member of ICCR • Advocacy efforts: Ministries engaged in various ways • Contributions to programs that support those who are poor. • Added Mission Focus statement to list of criteria for CBS Ministry Grant Funds • Investing in socially responsible organizations.
<p>Goal 4 Sustainable Lifestyle</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and retirement home, adopted the "LUNDI VERT" day without meat) • Buy as much as possible "local": regional and local products. • Sorting, banning plastic and non-recyclable objects • Buy from small producers (local products) • Promotion of Meatless Mondays, the non-use of water in plastic bottles, reduction of plastic bags, the non-use of bags for Christmas gifts, the plastic Christmas tree, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leadership team and our communities support sustainable lifestyles, adhering to environmental practices like reuse, recycle and reduce waste, reduce use of plastics and food wastage Elimination of use of plastic bottled water at meetings. • Purchasing of locally produced products where possible • We are transitioning from petrol & diesel cars to hybrid and plan to begin to purchase electric cars in 2022. • We have reduced travel as we can now use zoom for meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to recycling, caring for water, less use of plastic bags, saving on electricity consumption. • Some commitment of sisters more than others about using less water • Donate some goods that can be used by other people. • Use fewer plastic bags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downsizing and trying not to acquire more • Lease land to wheat farmer • Buy what you need vs. want • No bottled water in RCC/Stonehouse
<p>Goal 5 Ecological Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By encouraging people to respect the environment: (not to throw papers on the ground) • Made the Management and the staff working at the Retirement Home aware of ecology: respect for nature, good use of the various goods at our disposal. • The management and the nursing staff pay attention to integral ecology, that is to say, which takes people into account. Respect until the end of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have supported sisters with IT resources to be able to avail of online lectures / webinars / UISG. • We share information with sisters and associates regarding education available and encourage them to access it. • The JPIC newsletter is a great source of information and education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in ecological spirituality programs, topics for reflection, community prayer, prayerful reading of the JPIC bulletin, study guides on ecology. • Inviting the families of our ministries, seeking readings on ecological education • Information and participation in CONFER seminars and others, information is placed through social networks on the subject of ecology, the teachers and students are promoted to spread and raise awareness among their peers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Learn: Water • Signage about ecological efforts • Virtual learning on many topics

<p>Goal 6 Ecological Spirituality</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through prayer, training and as a JPIC member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have celebrated the season of creation with a daily reflection for the season circulated to sisters, associates & YA via social media. • A small number of sisters have availed of nature / Celtic spirituality retreats. • Sisters have a good appreciation of nature and our community houses are surrounded with gardens • Prayers at meetings have a creation theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our meetings our prayers have been based on creation and its care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use theme of Laudato Si in local area, committee, assembly prayers • Virtual prayer to commemorate International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human trafficking • Peace Garden/Labyrinth/RCC retreats • Prayers from Talitha Kum
<p>Goal 7 Participation and Advocacy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government actions (all COPs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have signed public statements supporting ecological initiatives. _e.g plastic use. • We take note of action alerts and respond if possible with financial resources. • A small number of sisters support petitions to government and local government departments This is an area where we are limited in the action we can take due to Tuam situation at this time. • We are not able to make public statements to advocate for those in need but support other organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our declarations about respect for ecology have been made manifest in the sisters, associates, ministries and institutions of the state • We continue to accompany the water with blessings program in some communities where the water is not clean. • We have a pending lawsuit with a mining company that, due to the extraction of metals, contaminated the water of a population that we accompany in Ancash (Sierra de Peru) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in filing shareholder resolutions, dialogues and signing investor statements through ICCR. • Belong to LCWR, NETWORK, UNANIMA, USCSAHT • Public witnesses supporting Black Lives Matter, March for Our Lives, Title 42, Asian people, etc. • Advocacy emails, calls and letters re: various issues.
<p>Organizational Partnerships</p> 	<p>Popular relief, Catholic relief, the red cross ...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophia Housing • Barnardos Chariaty • Glenfields Community Services • Trocaire • Sponsor COVID vaccines in S. Sudan • Education of girls in the Gambia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ombudsman's Office • Participated in protest marches in favor of caring for the environment. • Participated in a protest march against violence against women • We are looking to network with an institution of the church in protection of the environment. • Continue being active members of national and international institutions such as: Fe y Alegría. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UISG JPIC • UNANIMA • Pax Christi International • Laudato Si' Movement • LCWR • NETWORK • US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCHATHT) • ICCR • Mercy Housing • SAB and AWE • Friends in Solidarity (with S. Sudan) • Justice for Immigrants • Everytown for Gun Safety • The Brady Campaign (gun) • Ariminata Foundation (HT) <i>in process</i> • Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake <i>in process</i>

CBS Leadership Survey Responses

What we could do in the next 7 years to meet the 7 Laudato Si Action Platform Goals on an Area/Congregational Level

Goal	France	Ireland/GB	Peru	USA
<p>Goal 1 Responding to Cry of Earth</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with associations that deal with ecology • Our garden is now ecological, it is finished, natural tools are used and the company has a commitment to Ecology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would hope to have 50 % of energy in communities and apartments from solar energy or renewal sources • To implement ecological measures on land in Mt Desert i.e plant trees, create wild gardens and nature walks To have wild garden section in Community grounds, promoting biodiversity and pollination • Develop greater appreciation for the produce of the earth and be more vigilant regarding food waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater commitment to advocacy in communities that have been threatened by Mineral extraction companies that pollute water for human use and harm the health of children, women and the general population. • Continue with the awareness of the less use of plastic, electricity, water, aerosols and other pollutants. • Organize and direct marches according to the schedule on everything related to ecology. • From our ministries motivate the presentation of projects regarding the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging station for electric cars? • Organic community garden on grounds • Canning • Apiary and sell honey for charitable causes • Raise chickens for eggs/free range chickens • Birdwatching retreat • Inground composting
<p>Goal 2 Responding to Cry of the Poor</p> 	<p>Migrants and Human Trafficking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to tease out how best to live the Sermon on the Mount in the context of today's social climate • Be more practically involved in responding to the cry of the poor in our local areas • Be open to engage with other organisations in responding to our Christian obligation to care for the weak and vulnerable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the reception center for battered women functions soon • Reflection and awareness about racism. • May our preferential option always remain for the poor. • Continue directing our actions from a territorial approach so that in this way the sense of belonging and identity is strengthened. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider supporting Sisters' Academy, AWE with changes they need/want to make • Retreats for low income guest • Share what we grow in our garden with soup kitchen/food pantry for people who are poor.
<p>Goal 3 Ecological Economics</p> 	<p>With associations, integrate into their work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to participate in community investments program in Ireland & GB • Be discerning with our investments ensuring they support companies that support the vulnerable and poor-. e.g pay a just wage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware that our funds are not invested in favor of the destruction of ecology • Continue to refuse resources: water, plastic bags, clothing, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase Fair Trade • Investigate supply chain on all levels of purchasing • Intentional purchasing of food for the kitchen • Fair trade items in bookstore • Pantry for food exchange

<p>Goal 4 Sustainable Lifestyle</p> 	<p>All alone, I can't do anything, get in touch with associations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate landfill waste • Encourage sisters to grow own vegetables where possible. • All motor cars to be electric • All meetings are hybrid of in-person and online • Greater use of Eco friendly cleaning products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claim with legal advice for the high cost of water consumption. • Greater commitment in the acquisition of products in a humane manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel vs Zoom meetings to curb emissions • More rain barrels
<p>Goal 5 Ecological Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue what is already being done, with perseverance. (All that is mentioned above). And try to do it better and better. • The first thing to continue motivating us to a simple life, that we do not stay in only Declarations, • The leaders of each country take time to meet with each team to coordinate actions, as requested by Laudato Si • Follow the newsletter and make it possible for it to reach more people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see ecological education as part of our assemblies. • Facilitate education applicable to our current reality within communities • Develop ecological champions within communities to support JPIC team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue programming spiritual days in our local communities, with whom we work on the issue of ecology • Encourage reading and reflection on articles related to ecological issues. • Continue to reflect on the JPIC bulletin, documents and articles of the Congregation. • Participate in CONFER events and other institutions in favor of ecology. • Participate in workshops and talks on caring for the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education for YAs, Associates on Laudato Si; orientation for all staff on LS. • RCC: day programs in ecology for kids on campus (gardening, etc.) • Social and Earth Justice retreats • Hosting programs and groups on LSAP
<p>Goal 6 Ecological Spirituality</p> 	<p>No response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to work to integrate our love of nature with ecological spirituality and see how they are one • Develop seasonal morning/ evening prayers for use at least once a week in community prayer • Offer ecological/Celtic spirituality/ themed retreat to sisters and associates. • Create a prayer space outdoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to celebrate meaningful actions on the ecological calendar • Become aware of spending time with nature together with our activities • Each local community will be asked to deepen reflections and put into practice the calls of the Laudato Si platform. • We will program spiritual retreats with an ecological focus in our pastoral projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retreats on ecological spirituality at RCC • More programs at RCC/grounds (eg. Girl Scouts)
<p>Goal 7 Participation and Advocacy</p> 	<p>Continue to strengthen our efforts to keep ecology on the right track</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a log of all our advocacy actions. • Continue to collaborate and partner with other organisations in financial and non-financial ways if possible. • Become more recognised for advocacy work on behalf of homeless and immigrants in Ireland and GB. • To employ a Justice/ Advocacy person to support our JPIC work in Ireland & GB. • Become more involved in programmes that ensure promotion of human rights 	<p>Join a national, international network to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable.</p>	<p>No Response</p>

