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Editorial

The end of Time for Creation 2025 was marked on October 4, 2025, by the receipt of a beautiful gift: the Apostolic Exhortation DILEXI TE (I HAVE LOVED YOU) from Pope LEO XIV on LOVE FOR THE POOR. *“Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions (...). Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today”*, the Holy Father reminds us in Nos. 119 and 120.

In October, in a spirit of solidarity, we celebrated with three organisations supported by the general administration. Their work brings joy and hope to vulnerable people in our society, demonstrating this boundless love. At La Rue des Femmes in Montreal, we attended the inauguration of Maison Léonie, the foundation's fourth specialised house. It is staffed by people who provide a warm welcome and support to help homeless women rebuild their lives. At the Sault-Saint-Louis Palliative Care Home gala, we discovered an exceptional place where people can live comfortably until their last days. At the Roncalli International Foundation's 45th anniversary celebrations, we gave thanks for 45 years of action and hope for disadvantaged people around the world.

In this edition, you will discover more seeds of hope sown in the SSCM garden.

Paule-Marie Ndjom, SSCM
General Secretary

Peace with Creation



The theme of 'Peace with Creation' has inspired us to take action during this time of war, violence and upheaval.

The Sisters of the Province of Saint Joseph have experienced times of prayer, wonder, adoration, celebration, and intercession on behalf of all Creation.

We also reflected on this year's logo. We shared situations of distress and drought in our world and in our own homes, as well as moments of life, joy, and peace that we witness daily. We sought ways to transition from death to life, from sadness to joy, and from discouragement to hope.

Each Sister was able to take advantage of this beautiful and pleasant September weather to take a walk in a natural setting, a place of beauty, to experience a time of contemplation and praise to God, the creator of all these wonders. Others admired a sunset, a full moon, or the gardens in our inner courtyard.

Everything speaks to us of God, who watches over us and renews us day by day. We live in the hope of a world open to protecting life and sowing peace.



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Ecological Spirituality: Faith Rooted in Creation

In a world characterized by climate crises, biodiversity loss, and social inequalities, ecological spirituality emerges as an urgent and prophetic path. It encourages us to reconnect with the sacredness of the Earth, appreciate the beauty of Creation, and heed God's call to protect it.

To mark this Season of Creation, the Sisters of the Apostolic Region of Cameroon/DRC have taken several steps to show that ecological spirituality is not limited to ideas: it is lived out in concrete terms.

Thus, on Sunday, 17 August 2025, the day of the launch of the community and apostolic year, each community leader planted a tree. This was a powerful gesture in line with the overall objective of this year:

To deepen our relationship with Christ, to achieve a profound conversion and to live our vows and our charism authentically.



By living out our vows, we each commit to safeguarding our common home. We must remind the world that the Earth is sacred, all living beings deserve respect, and ecological conversion is a spiritual necessity.

Season of Creation:

Prayer in Nature

On September 1, 2025, the Day of Prayer for Creation, several communities experienced an "outdoor chapel". The Sisters prayed in the midst of nature, seeking communion with God the Creator and a greater awareness that the earth is not simply a resource to be exploited, but a divine:

"God saw everything He had made, and it was good."

(Genesis 1:31).



The Presence of
God in Nature is
a Living
Presence.



Commitment to Environmental Actions:

The sisters who stayed in Mangaï for the 10th anniversary of SSCM's presence and the celebration of Sisters Christelle Ituri's and Marie Okum's first vows did not remain indifferent to the cry of the Earth. They committed themselves to beautifying nature, a gesture that wiped away Mother Nature's tears. She sometimes suffers from our ecological sins.



The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are the same. It is, therefore, an invitation to us to live an integral ecology and to make ecological spirituality our own.

"The degradation of nature is closely linked to the culture that shapes human coexistence." Laudato Si, 6

Sr. Aline Rosette Marie Amogo, SSCM

The Educational Community of Notre-Dame des Victoires College in Mvog-Ada Celebrates the Season of Creation

Since September 1, 2025, our Mother Church has observed the Season of Creation, a time for prayer, reflection, and action to honor God by protecting our shared planet.

This year's theme, "**Garden of Peace**," is inspired by the prophet Isaiah, who describes a land devastated by injustice and the breaking of the covenant between God and Creation.

In this spirit, on Saturday, September 6, 2025—the day before the start of the new school year—



Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox Christians, and Muslims gathered at Notre-Dame des Victoires College in Mvog-Ada to give thanks to the Author of Creation for the beauty of Creation.

This gathering was also an opportunity to raise awareness about the need to protect our common home, as well as to commit to taking daily, concrete action:

- ✓ Pray for Creation
- ✓ Reduce plastic waste
- ✓ Participate in waste sorting
- ✓ Make good use of our increasingly scarce Sister, Water



At the end of this time of prayer, we thanked the Lord for the gift of each one of us. For the gift of all living things, and that He teach us to love the earth as a sacred gift, and that our actions may always be directed towards the protection of our common home.

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Connection with the Earth

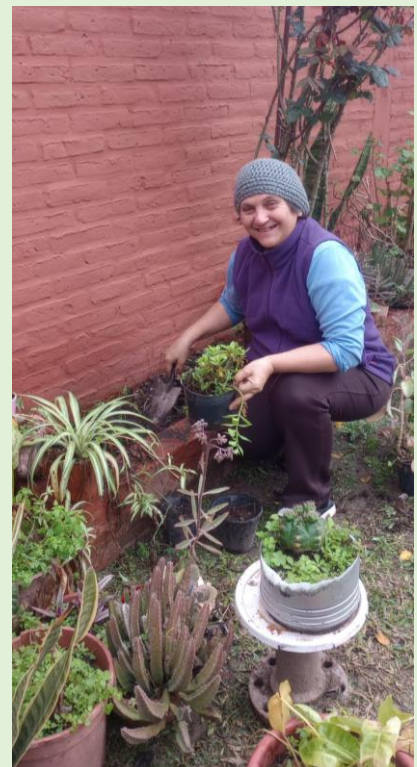
Touching the earth after it rains is a revitalizing experience that connects us to nature and allows us to enjoy its benefits. By recycling and renewing with plants, we show respect for life and nature, and we express gratitude for the gifts we receive from God.

Here are some of the benefits of touching the earth after it rains:

- Renewal and growth: Rain brings life and energy to the earth, allowing us to renew ourselves and grow.
- Connection with nature: Contact with the earth makes us feel connected to nature and its rhythms and cycles.
- Recognition and gratitude: This experience invites us to thank God for the gifts of nature and to appreciate life.

By recycling and planting new seeds, we can:

- Reduce waste and promote sustainability in our environment.





- Encourage biodiversity: plant varieties of plants and flowers that attract pollinators and promote biodiversity.

- Cultivate hope: seeing plants grow and bloom fills us with hope and reminds us of the beauty of life.

What plants would you like to plant after the rain? Do you have a ritual or practice that helps you connect with nature and express gratitude to God?



Sr. Juana Beatriz Gómez SSCM, Argentina

I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry. Pope Leo XIV

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**La Rue des Femmes:
Inauguration in Montreal
of Maison Léonie
on October 1, 2025.**

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