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Editorial

All in Action for Creation!

The theme of our 2022 General Chapter invites us to build communion with the world and creation. This commitment is evident in our apostolic regions, and communion is manifested daily in the bonds we forge, in our care for one another, and in the simple acts that break the cycle of violence and selfishness.

In this issue, you'll see an everyday ecology in the service of life; the joy that arises from the success of a shared project, highlighting the strength and greatness of solidarity; the contemplation of the beauty of creation, respect for the sacred and for all living beings—all of which deepen the Sisters' awareness that all beings in the universe are united in God by invisible bonds and live in interdependence.

The Season of Creation is always a fitting opportunity that the Sisters seize each year to deeply experience ecological conversion. They organize community celebrations and take concrete actions to safeguard our common home, either on their own or together with others. Yes, caring for the earth every day and preserving our water ensure a healthy life for humanity.

Paule-Marie Ndjom, SSCM
General Secretary

An Ecology of Everyday Life, in Service of Life



Here's how our commitment to ecology is expressed in our Sainte-Marie community in Montgeron: a simple, practical approach to ecology, lived out in daily life through modest yet meaningful actions.

Two or three times a day, our Sisters feed the crows and pigeons with leftovers from the table.



This simple yet faithful gesture has become a regular ritual. One of the Sisters affectionately calls the birds her “PIU-PIU” (read pe-eww-pe-ew), a sign of an almost familial bond. The entire community is happy to contribute to the “feeding” of the birds by setting aside whatever they can offer them. The birds know the mealtimes and gather faithfully, waiting for the “nourishing waitress” who comes to bring them their daily manna. This living spectacle reminds each of us of the beauty of the bond between humanity and nature—a bond built on respect, patience, and faithfulness.

In this same spirit of environmental stewardship, our community has been committed for over six months to an increased effort in waste sorting. A small compost bin has been set up to collect organic waste. Through this effort, we help nourish the school's vegetable garden. What a joy it is, then, to enjoy the fruits of this collective labor when the crops come to maturity!

Through these simple, repeated actions, we learn to care for our common home in a spirit of responsibility, gratitude, and brotherhood with all of creation.

Sr. Cabi-Angèle Bila'o, SSCM



Our Sisters in Créteil continue to work with some residents of the housing complex to teach them about community recycling. Professionals came to raise awareness among everyone

about the importance of this recycling, which is sent to processing plants to be turned into other recycled products that are useful in our daily lives.

Well done, dear Sisters!

Sr. Anne-Dhios, SSCM





Praise be to You, Lord, for the Beauty of Creation

In the spring of 2026, Montgeron Park is bursting with beauty thanks to its flowers: roses of various colors, lilacs, pink and white peonies, arums, and soon hydrangeas, among others. This allows us to pray before beautiful floral arrangements created by our group leader, Sister Yvette.

LET US PRAISE THE LORD!



Sr. Marie Fulcon, SSCM

End of the School Year marked by a focus on Safeguarding our Common Home

In a spirit of responsibility and civic engagement, Notre-Dame des Victoires Middle School in Mvog-Ada in Yaoundé marked the end of the 2025–2026 school year with an activity focused on environmental protection and the safeguarding of our common home. This initiative, led by students, teachers, and the entire educational community, aligns with the vision of integral ecology promoted by the encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Throughout the day, students participated in several concrete actions: cleaning up the school grounds—a simple gesture that reflects their desire to contribute to a healthier environment that is more respectful



of creation.



This activity also served as a reminder that protecting nature is a collective responsibility. By taking care of our environment, we learn to respect others, preserve the planet's resources, and build a sustainable future for generations to come.

The dedication shown by the students reflects their commitment to becoming agents of change. Their enthusiasm and spirit of service turned this day into a true life lesson, embodying the values of solidarity, fraternity, and respect for the environment.

As this school year comes to a close, we want to congratulate all the students for their active participation. May this commitment to our

common home extend beyond the school walls and inspire everyone to take concrete actions to safeguard our planet.

“Everything is connected”: this conviction, central to “Laudato Si’”, encourages us to work together to build a world that is more just, cleaner, and more respectful of creation.

Sr. Aline Rosette Marie Amogo, SSCM

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

New Storm water drainage ditch in the Don Santiago neighborhood, Resistencia, Chaco, in April 2026

Neighbors in our neighborhood, we’ve made a long-held dream come true: building a drainage ditch to improve rainwater runoff.

This project was born out of an urgent need. Whenever it rains heavily, many families in the region experience flooding. With the arrival of the “El Niño” phenomenon—which brings heavy rains—in mind, we decided to take action to prevent problems and avoid having to regret it later.



Thanks to the efforts and support of Sister Margarita Batalla and the entire community of sisters, who interceded with city hall, we were able to make our voices heard. This was a collaborative effort between the neighborhood residents and City Hall, for the good of all.

We, the residents, are actively working together to ensure that the construction proceeds smoothly and to set up the necessary access routes so we can drive through and continue to get around as usual.

More than just a ditch, this is the result of a collective effort. When the neighborhood comes together and works hand in hand with the authorities, we can achieve important things that improve everyone’s quality of life.

We thank City Hall, Sister Marguerite, and every neighbor who did their part.

Sr. Juana Beatriz Gómez, SSCM

Time for Creation



The Notre-Dame de la Divine Providence community in Kinshasa marked the launch of the global ecclesial event “Time for Creation” with a celebration centered on the event’s logo, followed by an agricultural activity: planting amaranth. This was done with great love, accompanied by clear water and prayer.



Drawing inspiration from the official document published by the Ecumenical Steering Committee of the Time for Creation, under the theme “**Living Water**,” we adapted the celebration to highlight a reflection on the benefits of water, as well as behaviors and practices that demonstrate its misuse. We also reflected on the commitments we can make to use this natural resource more wisely. This reflection took into account the fact that some people around the world lack access to water. Hence, the urgent call for the prudent use of this resource, which is not a right but a gift from God.

In the same spirit, on the occasion of the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2026, we joined parishioners in a cleanup and sanitation effort at our parish, at the request of His Eminence Fridolin Cardinal Ambongo, Archbishop of Kinshasa. It was a beautiful moment of communion with our local Church and with all creation.

After three weeks, it was with great joy that we harvested and ate our amaranth leaves, to the delight of the entire community.

Yes! The earth never fails us when we know how to care for it.



Sr. Sophie Amélie Benga Mengue, SSCM

Celebrating Creation to Care for it better



As part of Creation Month, our community at the General House is holding a wonderful celebration dedicated to the protection of our planet. This time of prayer, reflection, and action allows us to give thanks to God for the beauty of our common home and to become more aware of our responsibility toward the Earth and toward future generations.

This celebration reminds us that ecological conversion is not just a concept, but is expressed through concrete actions in our daily lives. Together, we commit to adopting habits that are more respectful of the environment: avoiding waste, reducing and sorting our trash, conserving water, caring for plants, and prioritizing responsible consumption.



Through these small gestures, we want to make our community a place where respect for Nature is truly lived out. Protecting our planet also means caring for life and for people, and heeding the call of the Master of the heavens and the seasons.

May our ecological commitment be a path of conversion that leads us to live with simplicity, responsibility, and gratitude toward the Creator and all His work.

Sr. Séraphine Laurence Etoa, SSCM

“After the feast of St. Francis, let us honor his legacy not only by remembering his view of creation, but also by continuing the concrete action we have begun to care for it.”.

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