

October 2022 through October 2023, Care for Earth Committee

Evaluation of Goal 6: Ecological Spirituality: recover a religious vision of God's creation and encourage greater contact with the natural world in a spirit of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude.

June 25, 2022

During the Congregational Assembly of the Sisters of Charity, BVM we committed to Focus on the Laudato Si' Goal Six: Ecological Spirituality for the coming year.

Took harvesting from CA discussion to set our goals:

July 17-22

Erick Anglada led us in a retreat: "A Contemplative Ecology: Spirituality & Justice Within Our Common Home" with 72 BVMs and Associates participating in person, livestreaming or zooming.

September 1

Season of Creation zoom prayer "**Listen to the Voice of Creation**" with 56 participants plus an unknown number livestreaming. Prepared by Kathy Conway, Lois Dolphin, Marilyn Wilson, Bette Gambonini

Throughout the year

Invitations for people to join in various Webinars or prayers prepared by JPIC, CCC, LSAP, etc. were sent out to community/associate members

October 2

International Day of Nonviolence Prayer "**Cultivating a Life of Respect and Nonviolence within Creation, our Common Home**" An invitation was sent out asking BVMs, Associates, Circle of Friends to share their wisdom from Listening to the Voice of Creation through pictures, quotes, poetry. These were shared on our BVM Webpage: Care for our Common Earth Home. [Care For Our Common Earth Home - Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary \(bvmsisters.org\)](https://www.bvmsisters.org/care-for-our-common-earth-home)

Nov. 21, 2022

Zoom Prayer: ***Gratitude for the Blessings of Creation***. About 40 people participated. Prepared by Marguerite Murphy and Katie Anders.

Dec. 31, 2022

Zoom Prayer: ***While Earth Keeps Turning & We Live Into the Light!*** Quiet reflection and prayer as we transitioned from 2022 to 2023. 80+ people were present via zoom in addition to those watching on TV. Prepared by Katie Anders, Mary Jean Ferry, Theresa Caluori

Jan 29, 2023

Pat Bombard, BVM presented a webinar: "**Contemplating Our Core Values Through the Lens of Eco spirituality**" with prayer, presentation and discussion.

March 1, 2023

Invited BVMs, Associates and Circle of Friends to attend the BACAR Webinar on Eco spirituality. It was a zoom session out of San Jose, CA. Over 60 people attended.

March, April, May, 2023

Dubuque Interfaith once a month discussion on 2 chapters of Laudato Ss. There were about 15-20 BVMs in attendance along with 50-60 members of the Dubuque community.

April 7

BVMs/Associates participated in a Good Friday **Way of the Cross** in downtown Dubuque highlighting environmental and justice issues being addressed in Dubuque.

April 18 and 20

Viewing and discussion of the documentary film CURRENT REVOLUTION: Nation in Transition. About 50 participated.

April 20

Sent out a list of Dubuque, IA happenings/activities for Climate Action week and Earth Day.

April 20, 2023:

Earth Day Prayer in our Mt. Carmel Bluff Chapel with video streaming.

May 2023

Invitation to BVMs, Associates, Circle of Friends to share a picture of Spring with a quote. These were shared on our Care for our Common Earth Home webpage.

May and June 2023

Sent out weekly emails in preparation for our Congregational Assembly inviting members to reread and discuss Chapter 1 of Laudato Si'. Sent out the result of our Assessment of Goal 1: Response to the Cry of the Earth.

June 23, 2023

During our Congregational Assembly presented a PowerPoint on Goal 1: Response to the Cry of the Earth followed by a discussion on: What changes for our community if we really make this goal a priority from Oct. 2023-2024? PowerPoint can be viewed on our website.

August – September 2023

Results from the Padlet discussion are being reviewed as we set goals for the coming year October 2023 to October 2024.

September 1 through Oct. 4, 2023

Once-a-week prayer services at MCB in our Mary Frances Clarke Chapel related to the Season of Creation.

September 23, 2023

Interfaith prayer service outdoors by the Mississippi River at Mount Carmel Bluffs

Throughout the year:

Articles in monthly BVM Center News and Quarterly SALT magazine.

Sharing Advent, Lent, and July no plastics calendars related to Laudato Si'.

Invitations to sisters/Associates to join the many Catholic Climate Covenant, LSAP webinars, to read articles related to LSAP goals and to discuss materials with their cluster groups.

Four Video presentations by Rhonda Wernimont & Carol Marie Baum on recycling "Make Every Day Earth Day series"

<https://www.bvmsisters.org/social-justice/care-for-our-common-earth-home/#1680121516997-a694e64d-b2c5>