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Cry of the Earth

- some forest damage from acid rain
- air pollution from industrial and vehicle emissions
- water pollution from human wastes and agricultural runoff

Cry of the poor

- youth unemployment 20.8% (2018 est.)
- refugees and internationally displaced persons- Srilanka 23,918; Afghanistan 18,534; Democratic Republic of Congo 16,484; Russia 15,898; Syria 15,822; Sudan 14,700; Serbia and Kosovo 13,778; Turkey 11,996; Cambodia 11,193; Guinea 9,264; Iraq 8,131; Vietnam 7,821; Laos 6,617; Mauritania 5,419 (2018 est.)
- Metropolitan France is a transshipment point for South American cocaine, Southeast Asian heroin, and European synthetics.

Commitments

Constellation C4 Europe

- 1) We commit ourselves, if we have not already done so, to appoint a sister for the protection of the environment. She will see with each country the Congregation what each one will choose as action. The Superior General will see to it that this is done. Attention to the use of water and plastic is important for all. We want to work on these issues in the Green Church and the label approach.
- 2) Interculturality: using the conference received in connection with what was said about the culture of encounter during a constellation meeting (2 days)

Some examples of achievements following this which vary according to the countries:

- Organization of spiritual retreat on the theme of integral ecology, with the place of the human person.
- Theme of the year with children and young people on ecology. They went to discover their roots and the history of their people, the culture of their ancestors, and a weekly action to protect the environment,
- A Community opts for 'Zero waste' by striving to sort and recycle or otherwise use what is not recyclable: They cut into small pieces the candy papers or any non-recyclable packaging and fill in plastic bottles recovered. These beautifully filled bottles are used to make borders in the garden.

- Reduction of plastic, packaging, red meat. Each month, we display water and energy consumption to encourage us to reduce usage.
- Everywhere also pay attention to the use of water, not to spoil it, depending on what is possible the collection of rainwater.
- There is (especially in the so-called developed countries) a real attention to the sorting of garbage and where it is possible composting.
- Attention also paid to turning off lights when they are no longer necessary.
- In Cameroon in recent times, the sisters have cultivated the land whenever it is possible, to produce vegetables and fruits and they grow in response to the field of ecology.
- In Micronesia (Pacific) they are very aware of climate issues because of the rising waters near their island and they try whenever it is possible to train and train others.
- Be aware of **SELECTIVE SORTING**
INSTRUCTIONS: paper, cardboard, plastics, etc.
- Pay attention to turn off lights and close doors ...
- To share photos to the Community or to friends of the community: use a tablet dedicated to this use. This avoids always expensive paper printing. The tablet is neither too large nor too small. It receives unanimous support!
- School meals: ANTI-WASTE project: the students come serve with their plate, one dish at a time. No more overloaded tray! the bread is distributed in the final, and not at the beginning, because the students started by taking 2 or 3 pieces ... then threw away or left.
- Bookstore: when possible, prefer second digital purchase hand ... cheaper. I recommend the German

platform MOMOX: no shipping costs. Obviously that does not keep the booksellers alive...

- Transport: do not neglect carpooling, which allows beautiful meetings... (half of the sisters, however, are refractory).
- Responsible purchasing (photocopiers without toners with wax, recycled paper, etc.)
- Connection to district heating at Porte de Gand
- Reduction in water consumption (aerators)
- Switching off the heating during warmer periods (saving 5 tons of Co2)
- Motion detector for corridor lights
- Meat-free meals once a week and local products, short circuits. There are no more plastic bottles: carafe of water at the table. Pots (plastic) for water, closed pots, washed and redistributed every day, in the rooms. With the animators, soap-making workshops.
- Boiler change at Les Buissonnets (classic boiler replaced by a condensing boiler)
- Sensitization of residents and professionals on energy consumption (water, heating, electricity)
- Awareness of residents and professionals on selective sorting: each resident has a special sorting bag in their room. Choice of laundry without toxic products.
- The lawn of Buissonnets left partly in meadow (no mowing), and installation of apiaries.
- Central dilution of cleaning products (just dose)
- Recovery of unexpired medicines for Senegal. (Twinning Lille / St Louis of Senegal).
- Sort waste.
- Use biodegradable bags.
- Fight against waste at all levels: water, electricity, gas, food.
- Ensure the cleanliness of the environment (use of garbage bag).
- Maintain vehicles.

- Fight bush fires.
- Encourage reforestation.
- Participate in actions carried out for the treatment and recovery of wastewater in Africa through a change of mentality and practice in our communities.
- Sensitize our Communities to get informed and to be trained: reading of the Laudato Si Encyclical, proposed sessions...
- Pray to ask for the conversion and the change of mentalities.
- Let's save our "common house".
- We are attentive to the selective sorting initiated in the municipalities where we are established.
- We pay more attention to the use of plastic, we limit use of it.
- We talk more easily about waste: water, electricity, fuel, and little by little it becomes part of our habits to reduce our consumption.
- In our communities in Africa the Sisters have initiated days: "paperless village" sensitizing young people and children to the cleanliness of school and family lessons, on the streets, by collecting litter (paper, plastic bags, boxes aluminum etc.,).
- We have sisters in Haiti. When I go to visit them, the suitcase is full of things to bring them. For the return, I ask them to give me their empty printer cartridges. There are more facilities in France to dispose of them than in Haiti. Thank you for helping us on this subject.