

'LAUDATO SI' Week and We SCJMs in Sri Lanka.

Everything is connected.

'Laudato si, Mi Singore' – 'Praise be to you my Lord'. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us, 'praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs' (LS 1)

These deep reflections and the urgent invitation of our Holy Father and of the insights of our Mother General made a positive impact in the lives of our sisters in the communities. Therefore most of the sisters in communities in our Sri Lankan Province, lived the 'Laudato si' Week enthusiastically holding hand with the global Church to mark this special week with meaningful activities.



- **Liturgy;**- For liturgy we have taken the theme 'everything is connected'. God created the world and entrusted it to human to live in it and to take care of it (Gen. 2.). Everything is created by God and one after the other and at the end the man and the woman as the crown of whole creation, which shows that everything connected.

Therefore some of our communities arranged the chapel for prayer services, according to the creation story every day. And followed the prayer leaflet from the web which was provided by the global Church. Special prayer intensions were offered during Rosary.

- **Encyclical;**- During this 'Laudato Si' week Sisters in the communities reread the encyclical of our Holy Father which, invites the entire humanity to love and to take care of the creation of God, to mark the 5th year of the 'Laudato si'.



- **Film;**- Some of our sisters also watched the film 'Brother Sun and Sister Moon' with the children around the convent from the parishes and enlightened them to grow closer to the nature respecting God's creation.

- **Sharing;**- We also shared our meals and dry rations with those had not enough to feed their children and themselves due to COVID 19.

- **Nature;**- Corona virus teaches us to get back to our origins, to be connected with the creation of God and to attend to the cry of the mother nature, which wounded severely by the unkindness of us. Therefore we ourselves started to show our





love for the creation – Mother earth our common home by planting more and caring them to our best. So, most of the communities have planted vegetables coconut trees, plantain tree, cash crops and different fruits trees and herbs and also replanted many.

Home gardens are green in many of the convents, some are already enjoying the fresh vegetables, grains and fruits also using the herbs and making compost pit gave hope to have good manure for the plant in the future sisters in the communities who put their hands together enjoys and experience the Spirit of 'Cor Unum Anima Una' during this lockdown.



This beautiful experience urges us to encourage the children and the neighbours also, to go green having home gardens and to care some chicks ect. Also sisters who have distributed plants to their Sunday school children, have visited their homes to see and encourage them with their home gardens.

- **Composing;-** Our postulants were guided by Sr. Kirutha - the postulant mistress, composed and sung a song regarding the protection of creation. They sung to say to realize the love of the earth as our mothers' love and not to destroy it. Once we destroy the nature we are people who suffer in return. Different communities in various way observed this 'Laudato si week' meaningfully. We the SCJM in Si Lanka together with whole creation thank the Lord – God of whole creation.

Thank you
Sr. Yoga scjm

