

Closing Prayer

O God of all,

With reverence for the blessings of creation,
we use our resources,
both individually and collectively,
in a spirit of stewardship.

The spirit of poverty also calls us
to work for a more just society
so that all may be enriched
by a more equitable sharing of the goods of the earth.

(CSJP Constitution 56)

Recognizing the interdependence of all life,
we count among those who are poor
all Earth's creatures whose lives are threatened
or diminished.

We experience a call to live our stance
of contemplative, nonviolent peacemaking
in regard to creation.

It is faithfulness to this charism in our own time
that compels us to respond to the crisis
of climate change/global warming.

(Seeds of Peace Chapter Act)

We ask you to grace us with a deepening consciousness of
our lives being intertwined with all life.

(One person holds up the basket of commitments as all pray)

God of all creation, we give you thanks for the gift of Earth,
our home. Bless our efforts to cherish and protect your
creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus our brother, and
the Spirit who gives us life. Amen

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace

Seeds of Peace



Care of Creation and Climate Change

Congregation Small Groups

May/June 2010

Quiet Music

A Reading from Mother Clare:

The ancient forests have been hewn down with little profit to the spoiler, and to the injury in many ways of the native. The noble rivers are there still, and the mountains look as beautiful in the sunsets of this year of grace as they did so many hundred years before; but the country, which was in 'God's keeping' then, has but little improved since it came into the keeping of man. (*An Illustrated History of Ireland, 1866*)

A Reading from the Decrees of the 18th General Chapter:

We believe that:

- ⌘ Our charism of peace through justice calls us to respond more fully to the integrity of creation.
- ⌘ The growing understanding of our interrelatedness with all of creation calls us to a deeper commitment to our mission of peacemaking.
- ⌘ “We are the consciousness of the earth reflecting upon itself.” (Thomas Berry)
- ⌘ “What we do to the earth we do to ourselves” (Chief Sealth) and to the future.
- ⌘ Ours is a partnership with rather than a domination over all of creation.

This interrelatedness calls us to commit ourselves to long-term ecological soundness in lifestyles and structures that reflect respect for the earth. (CSJP Chapter, 1990)

For Quiet Reflection:

- ⌘ How have you related with the natural world in your life time?
- ⌘ How has this relationship shifted or deepened in more recent years?

Carbon Footprint 101 Video



Group Sharing

- ⌘ Would you like to share anything from your quiet reflection?
- ⌘ How has the lens of creation informed our pursuit of peace through justice?
- ⌘ Was there anything in the video that surprised you?
- ⌘ What one action could you commit to today to reduce your carbon footprint? Who could join you?

Action

You are invited to write down the action or prayer to which you commit yourself, and place it in the basket.