



CHAPTER ORIENTATION 2016-2017 IN ACTION

"Take greater account of the Carbon Fund and its educational capacity for deepening our interdependence and mutual accountability."

Since 2013, the Congregation has funded projects that are
*"educational, engaging, challenging existing systems,
and will offset our carbon footprint."*

In this issue of E-Current, we share examples of such projects.

CANADA

Winnipeg: Labyrinth and Trees Light of the Prairies Retreat Center

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Montreal: Project Eco...

The goal of Égo/Éco was to help people become aware of their impacts on the environment, realize that they are connected to nature and assist them define their roles for the development of a sustainable society. We explored Joanna Macy's work with a group of eight women using dance and theater as "a means of expression". At an ecological farm *Sageterre*, the participants lived a process to weave the link between personal transformation and collective emergence. They experienced some aspects of transition: life in eco community, organic farming, meditation, nonviolent communication, conflict management. Art and the encounter with nature were at the heart of their journey. The women shared their process with seniors in the St-Étienne Center.



PERU

Lima: Bio-Gardens

The "**urban bio-gardens project**" took place at "Hoy por ti Mujer" that shelters women who suffered violence. The objectives of the project were: sensitize and train for the care of the environment, use of the small spaces around the house to cultivate edible vegetables, and empower women to look for creative ways to generate income. Activities included learning the steps, preparing the ground for the garden and harvesting the fruits.

Marisol Sucasayre, CSC



AFRICA

Burkina Faso: Theatre Troupe to Sensitize Villagers

The purpose of this project was to sensitize villagers in Burkina Faso to care for Earth. The theater group called Wend Bulga made use of the local-language version of Laudato Si to create educational skits. They transported materials to various villages around the capital city of Ouagadougou and involved local people in these skits. After the presentations, the group listened to reactions and attempted to assure follow-up commitments by the various village chiefs. – To express gratitude for having made this project possible, two large garbage cans were donated by the group to the sisters' house in Ouagadougou.

Marie Claude, CSC



HAITI

Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage: Solar Panel for Battery

The project to install solar generated energy in each house is realized. Four batteries are powered by four solar panels that the inverter converts into electrical current. In the house of the older students, we were able to electrify a light in each of the seven rooms, the large room on the second floor, their prayer corner and the refectory. In the House of the younger children, there is now a light in the four bedrooms, each of the three toilets and in the big room. The safety of the children is assured and they can easily get up without fear. An unexpected result: there is much less laundry for the ladies who do laundry six days a week.

Marielle Legendre, CSC

Mary Gate of Heaven Cape Haitian, Haiti



UNITED STATES -- Private Donations
Manchester, NH: Green Space at St. George Manor

The U.S. Sector established a “Green Space” for the leisure and reflection of the sisters. The garden was blessed by all present at the September 15th gathering in honor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours. Plants were carefully chosen for their beauty, their longevity (perennials vs annuals) and their attraction to pollinators whose numbers are declining. This information was shared as part of the Justice and Environment *Care of Creation* gathering on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pauline Maurier, CSC,
Francoise DeMers, CSC
Denise Turcotte, CSC



CARBON FOOTPRINT PROJECTS

2013

Tacna

Solar Panel: Françoise Savoie

Pierrefonds

Trees and labyrinth : Liliane
St. Laurent

Milot

School children planting trees:
Minouse Blaise

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2014

Haiti

Orphanage - Solar panels for
batteries: Marielle Legendre

Puno and Mochachi

Solar panel: Marie Pilon and
Hermelinda Cacasaca

2015

Winnipeg

Labyrinth and trees: Therese Fortin

Africa

Clearing Litter in local villages: local villages: Marie Claude

2017**Burkina Faso**

Education via
Theater Plays: Marie Claude

Garango

Solar Panels for Sisters'
Residence/Educational Center:
Catherine Yampa

Tacna

Solar panel: Françoise Savoie

Québec

Ego-Eco Project: Rachel Jetté

2018**Lima**

Urban Bio-Garden:
Marisol Sucasayre

Santiago

College Senora de Andicoli:
Saturnina Mamani

Burkinso Faso

Education and "Green Fence":
Yvonne Kaboré

Haiti - Leocadie

Solar Panels: Wilnette Pierre

2017 - 2018

SISTER OF HOLY CROSS OF THE YEAR

THE REGION of HAITI

"What good can come forth from Nazareth?"

Could we not also ask ourselves the question: *"What good can come forth from our Region of Haiti?"* On October 6, 2018 we, the Sisters of the Region of Haiti, wanted to slip out from the shadows and bring forth the great achievements of our country.

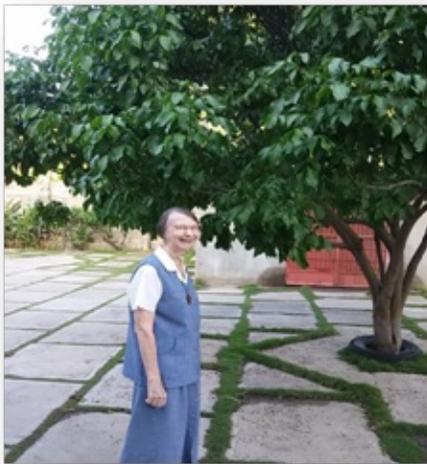
Oh! No! If we open our eyes, our gentle heart will be able to bring forth the light of many wondrous achievements." Let us think of the fine folks that we can meet! So why wait for the death of one of our own to render her homage?

We want to render praise to an exceptional woman among us. Her desire to give of herself to the mission... in the shadows... without realizing her great projects have called us forth.

The tributes paid to this woman by each of our local communities invites us to thank God unanimously for giving us such a companion. We give thanks for all that she has received –her gifts and talents– that she has put to the service of mission. Discover the one to whom we pay tribute and to whom we express our love!

The compliments granted to this woman by our local communities have incited us to offer thanks to our God who has gifted us with such a companion:

MONIQUE SAINT-GERMAIN, CSC



Woman with a Smile



Relational Woman



A woman strongly appreciated by the Pilate Hospital



Monique the Gift



Woman of Prayer



Woman of the "Yes"



Woman of Silence
Woman of Gentleness



Woman of Hospitality



Woman of Wisdom

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