



CONGREGAZIONE DI NOSTRA SIGNORA DELLA CARITÀ
DEL BUON PASTORE

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The Global Green Lung Initiative

Dear Sisters and Partners-in-Mission,

In our 31st Congregational Chapter, we heard a call to respond more deeply to Laudato Si' and to take our responsibility for the care of our common home seriously. This call is not new to us. In 2021, the former congregational leadership team had committed to participate in the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

Since then, across the Congregation, many sisters and partners-in-mission have already been actively responding to the call of Laudato Si' — planting trees, recycling, reducing waste, moving towards renewable energy, protecting land and water, educating others, advocating for climate justice and finding many creative ways to protect our earth and make the world safer.

*We give thanks for all that is already growing and celebrate the efforts of all
– the earth is better because of it.*

At the same time, we are acutely aware that in the midst of all our endeavours, we experience atrocities – humanity, lives, air, water, the earth, sea and sky face exploitation and destruction.

Now, we the leadership, in this season of creation, are inviting you to grow this commitment of care for creation, collectively, as one united people!

The **Global Green Lung Initiative** is a call to awaken our consciousness, deepen our ecological conversion, learn together and transform our concern for the Earth and Creation into concrete and visible action. It seeks to bring together the many seeds of hope already being planted across the Congregation and create a ripple effect that spreads to the world.

*Our first shared action is simple: plant a tree.
One tree! Two trees! Ten trees! One hundred trees! And, where possible, many more!*

One tree may seem small in the face of the climate crisis. Yet it is a choice for life — giving shade, food and shelter, protecting soil and nurturing life for generations to come. When our small actions come together across the world, they become one shared act of solidarity with the Earth.

*On the Feast of Blessed Aguchita, 26 September 2026,
we will launch the **Global Green Lung Initiative**.
Join us!*

Wherever you are, we invite you, sisters, partners-in-mission, program participants, families, collaborators, volunteers and friends to mark this beginning in a way that is meaningful for you.

Reflect, Make a commitment, Gather, Pray, Plant a tree. Care for it.

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This is an invitation to become more conscious, more caring and more committed for the sustainability of our common home. We are pleased to let you know that Fr. Jean Michel Amouriaux, Superior General of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudist) has indicated that his Congregation would like to join us in this initiative.

For further information on the initiative, including stories, videos, and pictures of your tree planting efforts, please visit www.olcgs.org/global-green-lung-initiative.

Thank you.

Together in Mission

Congregational Leadership Team