

## Celebration of Creation Week

**“We are on Earth to take care of life. We are on Earth to take care of each other”. (Xite Bastida)**

Earth has always been a caring mother; she has taken care of us, her children providing us with all that we need for living a happy life, without making any exception to friend or foe, care-takers or destroyers, haves or have-nots, rich or poor. The universal Mother has been indiscriminate at all times. On the contrary, those who destroyed are human beings, who are entrusted with the responsibility of taking care like good stewards for the survival of everyone.



All of us, directly or indirectly are responsible for the degradation of Mother Earth. Therefore it is our bounden duty to find ways and means to revive her to the pristine glory with which God had created her. Realizing that alone we can do so little, together we can achieve much, we sought the help of our beneficiaries: students, staff and parents, besides other likeminded people to take up certain activities which are possible. Young minds have limitless ideas and dreams and so the Sisters have taken initiative to tap these potentials and to create awareness which would lead to concrete actions.



Thus the intrinsic, instrumental and relational values that focus on nature, people and interaction between nature and people, the interdependence of human beings and nature are disseminated to as many people as possible in the circle of our ministry.



There has been awareness programmes conducted regularly for them not only during the creation week but at other times as well. School assemblies are a common feature where students enlighten one another through speeches, poems, *nuked* (street plays highlighting burning issues), etc. Tree plantation drive is a widespread practice in most of the institutions where children are encouraged to gift saplings instead of chocolates and other articles on birthdays or any other celebration. There had been activities such as declamation, essay writing competitions, painting and drawing based on issues affecting Mother Earth. Every effort is made to create awareness among the students to avoid the use of plastic in any form so that our own campuses and surroundings are kept neat, clean and green besides help picking up a habit of nurturing the common Home.

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