



These are a few suggestions to start the process of Greening the Archdiocese:

- Praying the Rosary in the context of creation on 1<sup>st</sup> September before or after Mass. The following meditations could be used:

***Annunciation*** – as we pray this mystery, we remember the good news announced to Mary by the Angel Gabriel. We pray that we live the good news in our openness to God’s Revelation in nature and that we respond with reverence and compassion to all of God’s Creation.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, may we see Earth as an Icon of God.**

***Visitation*** – as we pray this mystery, we remember Mary’s visit to Elizabeth and Elizabeth’s welcoming Mary and the infant in her womb. We pray that we, too, may be welcoming, reaching out to humans and other life forms affected by climate change, environmental injustice and other disasters.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, may we hear the heartbeat of God in all Creation.**

***Birth of Our Lord*** – as we pray this mystery, we remember Jesus and rejoice in his birth, the Emmanuel-God with us, God made flesh. We pray that we might see this God more clearly in the gifts of nature: in sunrise and sunset; in the food we eat; in the water we drink; in the soil which grows our food; and in the air we breathe.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, may we foster and enhance Earth-human relationships.**

***Presentation of Our Lord*** – as we pray this mystery, we remember Mary as she presented Jesus in the temple. She knew in her heart the sorrows to come. When we use water for drinking, washing and cleansing, may we remember those whose sorrows include spending hours each day walking for water. May we remember those who are weak, ill and dying because of polluted water, flooding or drought.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, may we be more conscious of our use of water.**

***Finding of Our Lord*** – as we pray this mystery, we remember the mixed feelings of Joseph and Mary who were elated at the finding of their son but who knew in their hearts that in following the Father’s Will, Jesus would be challenged. We pray that we grow in wisdom, courage, patience and perseverance as we accept God’s call to address the challenges of today’s environmental issues.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, may we live simply, justly and walk humbly with our God.**

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- Using native plants to decorate the altar instead of flowers. The altar could be decorated like a garden. Plants could be added to the altar every day. Children could also plant wheat or rice or some other sapling and watch these grow to foster their sense of caring for Creation till 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- Reciting the following prayer from *Laudato Si’* for the launch of the Greening of the Archdiocese:



*A prayer for our earth*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

- Circulating the video prepared for the launch of the Greening of the Archdiocese.
- Forming a Green team in the Parish. Kindly send the names to Archdiocesan Office for Environment, St Pius College, Aarey Road, Goregaon East, Mumai 400063. Tel.No. 29270953/29270523. Email: [bombaydioceseenvironmentoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bombaydioceseenvironmentoffice@gmail.com)