

Integral ecology is a critical issue

Integral ecology is a critical issue today. At this point, our contribution is mostly through raising consciousness of the beauty of creation and ways people can take action to care for our environment.

- JPIC

The JPIC group that we hosted in our house in Killiney is still active. This group linked into 'Eco-Congregations, Ireland'. This organisation encourages churches of all denominations to take an eco-approach to worship, life-style, property and finance management. Encouragement and support is given to parishes to undertake whatever projects they can.

- Dalkey Parish

A topic for our Annual Ecumenical Lenten Talks was 'Caring for Creation'. As a consequence some participants joined 'Tidy Towns'. Presently, this organisation is concerned about sustainability. People of all ages and backgrounds come together on arranged days and work on bio-diverse and other projects.

- Celtic Spirituality

The most recent Celtic Spirituality Workshop I gave was to an international group of Loreto/C.J Sisters. We spent a day together in Glendalough being very present to nature. Glendalough is an ancient monastic site with an atmospheric air, conducive to deep reflection.

- Knock

As Prayer Guides, we encourage the pilgrims to do the 'Creation Walk' outlining the development of the Universe in 30 stages. Each 'station' has a Scripture quotation. Pilgrims are invited to do the Walk prayerfully, thanking God for our wonderful Universe.

Sister Helen Grealy, community of Dublin & Cork

Communities serving sharing and solidarity

We are sisters who live in community, inspired by the love of Christ, animated by the desire to discover the Word of God, so that it becomes a source of life in each one. We are part of the spiritual tradition inherited from Saint Ignatius of Loyola and the Spiritual Exercises. Passionate about the world, we are committed to serving anyone who seeks meaning in their life, who wishes to grow in their human life and in their faith. **Through your donations, you support our mission.**

“ **God is good, He is more than good, He is Goodness.** ”

Saint Thérèse Couderc, founder of the Congregation Our Lady of the Cenacle

Contact us

Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane
L15 6TW Liverpool
+44 (0)1517 222271
treasurer.ei@ndcenacle.org



The possibility of making an online donation

All our news

cenaclesisters.co.uk



**Our Lady
of the Cenacle**

EUROPA - TOGO

A donation in 2024 to support our mission in the service of life



"Everything is connected"

One of the significant markers of the papacy of Pope Francis has been his concern to underline the seriousness of the climate crisis and the Christian obligation to take care of our common home. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si* and his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* Pope Francis outlines the challenges facing humanity and the planet and invites us to practice an integral ecology. He is at pains to stress that **"Everything is connected"** and **"No-one is saved alone"**. (LD # 19).

We are living through tumultuous times, and we can see the distressing impact of financial crises, pandemic, war, political upheaval, disasters caused by climate change, particularly on the world's poorest people and the environment. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems and the paucity of our resources. However, it is good to be reminded of the richness of our traditions of spirituality which can inform an **"ecological spirituality grounded in the convictions of our faith"** (LS # 216).

The "ecological conversion" described in *Laudato Si* chapter six, with its emphasis on a joyful sobriety and healthy humility, is made up of many 'simple daily gestures' that help to create a better world, in harmony with creation.

As Cenacle Sisters we are conscious of the resources that we have: of persons, goods, properties, capacities. How do we use them for the good of the people whom we are called to serve and respecting the environment in which we live? As members of the province of Europe-Togo each sister and community are aware of being a part of a bigger whole. We are all connected.

Working alongside our Cenacle Family, apostolic collaborators, friends and associates we offer spaces for reflection, tools for discernment, opportunities for companionship and solidarity. Each of us is called to play our part in creating a sustainable future for the next generations and to pass on a spirit of gratitude for and care of the gifts of creation.

Thank you for your support as we seek to continue this work.

Learn more > **Ecological examen**

<https://www.ecologicalexamen.org/>

Sister Kate Stogdon
Provincial superior



Everyday ...ecology

We've been working with the "Eglise Verte" for years and are proud to be at the Fig Tree level (level 3 of 4)! We continue with the reduction of single portions of packaging (coffee, jam), the extension of recycling, the use of ecological gift wrap...

And there's more to come, especially for the park. At a time when we have less energy to maintain it, opportunities have arisen to take a fresh look at this vast green space: neighbours are planting a vegetable garden, retired gardeners from the Palace of Versailles prune fruit trees and rose bushes, the Higher Institute of the Environment has turned it into a project centre for its students, companies hold their 'Nature Team Building' there, and young people from the chaplaincy spend a day collecting leaves.



The programme also includes 2 days of 'looking after and admiring the park'. So don't expect to see a lake (like in the Palace Park), but come and discover the pond, its water plants and its planted rafts.

Don't dream of an immaculate lawn, but admire the many wild grasses and, who knows? maybe you'll spot some sheep one day!

Sr Agnès Hédon, communauté de Versailles



Make a donation online
www.cenaclesisters.co.uk/support-us/