



The purpose of this newsletter is to provide news of RNDM involvement in actions and activities related to our ministry of Caring for Our Common Home.

## **Good news story from Paris in France**

### **Charenton-le-Pont: a connected bin for depositing bio-waste**

For the first time, a connected shelter-bin used to collect biowaste was installed in the Paris-Est Marne Bois inter-municipal area, in Charenton-le-Pont.

To avoid sorting errors, this bin shelter is connected. To open the hatch, simply enter a 5-digit code, easily obtained by giving your address on a website, obtained by a QR code or via a phone call (all the information is available on the bin). This prevents people from putting anything inside the bins. "With this system, we have less than 0.1% error, such as the small rubber bands that hold the radish bundles,"

### **A CODE TO ACCESS THE BIN SHELTER AND AVOID SORTING ERRORS**

This bin shelter is connected and allows residents of Charenton-le-Pont to deposit biowaste at any time. "The objective is clearly to bring waste back to the earth," explains Arnaud Ulrich, co-founder of the company Upcycle, which specializes in the treatment of this waste.



"It's a test," says Marie-Hélène Magne, deputy in charge of sustainable development and urban ecology and vice-president of the Paris Est Marne & Bois intercommunalité, in charge of the environment and urban ecology. "Success will depend on the involvement of the population." A first in the department since only about ten of these connected bin shelters are installed in France.

This bin, which can collect 240 kg of biowaste per week, was installed a stone's throw from schools and homes to allow residents to throw away their waste intended for composting. Unlike a classic composting bin in which you should only put plant products and most fruits, here, you can throw everything. "Peelings, leftover meat, up to a chicken bone, fish, cheese, stale bread... you can put everything in there," explains Arnaud Ulrich. This location was not chosen at random since schools were previously equipped with bins and residents could bring their biowaste.

## **Petition:**

***God of goodness, who at the dawn of a new day calls us back to life,  
help us to be filled with Your love so that we may be good guardians  
of the common home You have given us.***

***We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***