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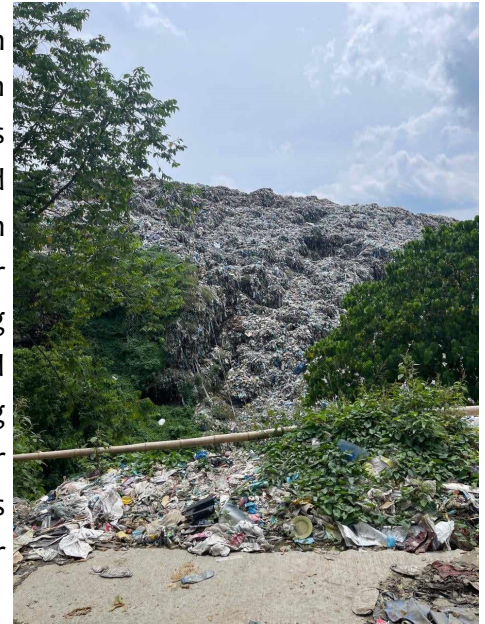
RNDM News

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 the Philippines Region:

“Small steps matter”

Walking in synodality, we actively participated in our Parish activity to share our mission with the Parish youth and let them experience RNDM life during its Mission Sunday program. It was a grace-filled day as we were able to make our charism known and felt. Aside from our RNDM presentations, we also shared with them concretely our being one with Creation. Together with our TP Sisters and youth, we journeyed to Davao's dumpsite exposing them to where our garbage is thrown and the inhumane and unhealthy condition of the residents who are mostly scavenging for treasures in the trash, a sad reality of the effects of our negligence towards mother earth. Then a simple processing was done after the visit that helped each one to reflect deeply on our relationship with the earth and one another.



It was a short visit but with great and meaningful impact for the young who have in turn passionately shared this visit in the Parish and like a spiral effect; the Parish together with our Parish priest were inspired and challenged to come and see the condition in the dumpsite and shared with them their gifts of joy and hope. Indeed, with this short visit, a seed was planted and continues to grow and spread.

Small steps matter. We really don't need to do big things to let others participate in the Divine Missions especially in facilitating ecological awareness. We just need to authentically walk with others and let them see with the eyes of compassion the reality of the oppressed, start the fire and allow others to share the fire so that others may see with their Heart the Poor and Creation outside and within each of us.

“Let us get up, therefore, and set out as pilgrims of hope, because, just as Mary did with Saint Elizabeth, we too can bring news of joy, generate new life and be artisans of brother/sisterhood and peace.”

Pope Francis, 20 mar 2024