

Religious meet: Creation at the Heart of Mission

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Catholic religious leaders from around the world gathered last week in Assisi, Italy for a conference aimed at drawing attention to the peril we face by abusing the resources of our planet. The meeting was organized by SEDOS and the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission (JPIC) of the women and men religious superiors. Over 230 religious men and women, including leadership teams of religious institutes participated. They here Fr. Denis Edwards from Australia and Fr. Seán McDonagh from Ireland address the theme "Creation at the Heart of Mission."

Participants agreed on two actions: An open letter to the members of their religious congregations challenging them to ecological conversion; and a draft of points that could be included in letters to governments or politicians of their countries to take action in halting the destruction of our planet.

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