

## Venerato Babaine, M.Afr, DVD Producer – November 01, 2017.

Dear confreres,

You may have heard that here in Zambia we have produced a DVD Documentary entitled “**The Earth Our Home** – Conservation for integrity of Creation”. We launched it at our centre of FENZA last Saturday on 28 October during a humble audience and ceremony but with utmost sense of meaning. Thanks to our confreres of FENZA who organized the logistics for the event!

We have some copies of the documentary ready for distribution and use. The contribution to this work is K50 (fifty kwacha (\$5 US) only) per piece. It is a highly subsidized material considering the production cost. The onset budget was not foreseen to make the documentary commercial but to have it at an affordable cash contribution.

We, the Society of the Missionaries of Africa have as one of priorities JPIC-ED. **Integrity of Creation** is a component of this apostolic work that we treasure. IC is not a new thing; our old missions have been and still are spots on which you will find development facilities including forests. As missionaries sometimes we do not put emphasis on the “Integrity of Creation” (IC). In fact, a well understood and a well done Justice and Peace, is a well-practiced IC. Issues of justice are about a human person created in the image of God. The issues of concern in JP boil down to a key word, “integrity”. The integrity of a human being is realized when other “needs” are in place. This is the message in Genesis Chapter I.

While we are good and familiar to injustices done to humanity, we need to be aware how humanity does injustices to nature and the environment which actually support humanity. A reflection this matter of need to care and enhance the natural environment brings us to think of the “integrity of creation”. Justice is possible when there is abundant to share, there is harmony and when we have a sense of goodness and welfare for all. That is the message of chapter on in Genesis regarding this subject. Wars, migrations, hunger and refugee phenomenon are partly results of unattended issues regarding the natural resources distribution and human welfare.

So this documentary comes to raise that awareness; we conserve, we care for the good of all. The presentation in this DVD documentary is pastoral in approach. It goes to show what is possible and some people especially some of our confreres what they have done so far in this field of IC. Recommendable attempts! It also sets a background of the damage that has been done to nature (creation) and some natural resources available in Zambia. The objective of the documentary, as an awareness material, is to compliment many other materials and programmes, available or done in this area. It is therefore a local and a small contribution to the discussions and call to action, as Pope Francis has made the appeal in the “Laudato Si”.

Those interested to get this DVD documentary can contact Meunier Michel, our SAP Secretary or myself in Lusaka. Your leaders or treasures can facilitate this order and delivery.

Thank you!

