

## **Environmental Resolution**

### **Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, U.S. Province**

In an effort to promote the Integrity of Creation, we seek to demonstrate a serious effort toward simplifying lifestyles and further committing to environmental stewardship.

#### **WHEREAS:**

The Vade Mecum on Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation states, “Creation is gifted with all kinds of resources that are entrusted to the stewardship of the human family. As they are not unlimited, we have to preserve them for ourselves and for future generations. Competition for scarce resources creates conflicts, whilst the conservation of nature and natural resources contributes to justice and the maintenance of peace. These are three interlocking elements in the journey of the human family: justice, peace, integrity of creation. We have to work on all three levels.”

It further states, we “begin to realize that there can be no genuine justice and peace in our world unless we begin to act as true stewards of creation, thus safeguarding the survival and integrity of the planet.”

In *The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility*, Pope John Paul II asserts, “Faced with the widespread destruction of the environment, people everywhere are coming to understand that we cannot continue to use the goods of the Earth as we have in the past ... The ecological crisis is a moral issue.”

Recycling decreases harm to the environment through reducing air and water pollution, limiting the demand for raw materials, and diverting waste from scarce landfill space. The purchase and use of environmentally-friendly and organic products supports socially and ecologically responsible companies and prevents hazardous chemicals and emissions from polluting local communities and the natural world.

Environmental assessments of buildings enable communities to transform properties into examples of good ecological demonstration and cost efficiency, through implementing technologies and programs that are environmentally benign.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate endeavor to establish an internal environmental policy and principles to conserve energy and natural resources, to encourage the consumption of socially and ecologically responsible products, and to provide environmental health and safety to all Oblates and staff.