

## Every Small Space is Part of Our Common Home

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*A reflection by Sr Margarita, fcJ on how the small and precious garden space of our new spirituality centre in London, 'part of our common planetary home', can be used and shared. First appeared in [FCJ Sisters blog](#).*

A few days ago I was reading the [daily email from Richard Rohr](#) where he quoted from the theologian Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam:

*"In the second chapter of the Gospel of John, there is a verse that the disciples attribute to Jesus as he drives out money lenders and sellers of sheep and cattle from the temple of Jerusalem: "Zeal for your house will consume me" (John 2:17). Prior to that verse Jesus tells those who are despoiling the holy place: "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" (John 2:16)... Today, we could, and probably we should, understand this 'house' as our common planetary home."*

Here in London we have just completely renovated our house – literally, the building – so as to make it functional for our [new spirituality centre](#) and as a home for the FCJ sisters living and ministering from there. We have tried to construct with a 'zeal' that is economical, apostolic and ecological.

And now we are looking at our very small and very precious garden space. This small parcel of land is 'part of our common planetary home'. How shall we use it and 'share' it?

Well, for those who spend time in our retreat centre, it will be available to them – a little haven in our London streets. Hopefully people walking along the road will be able to see some of its colour and smell various perfumes. The people living in the flats to our east will enjoy the contribution we are adding to their efforts or create a flower patch in a corner of their asphalted entrance area.

But, not only will visitors enjoy our garden. We're making sure there will be **plants that will encourage** butterflies and bees to find refuge and safety in the garden. Water for birds, seed when necessary. And care that every thing will flourish as far as possible so that we may even have plants that we can give away.





“ Die Gemeinschaft ist nicht mein Werk, sie ist Gottes Werk und Gott wird es aufrecht zu erhalten wissen, wenn das Sein Wille ist. ”

*Marie Madeleine d'Houët*

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