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### **A Day of Recollection with the Gift of Nature**

The Scholasticate, Novitiate, Postulancy and Collegians Communities gathered together for a recollection, reflecting on the encyclical letter of His Holiness Pope Francis, “Laudato Si Mi Signore”, about the urgent call for the care and protection of our Mother Earth. It was held on September 12, 2015 at the Montfort House of Prayer (formerly SMM International Novitiate House), Purok 5, Paradise 3, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

The recollection started with a Eucharistic Celebration presided by Rev. Fr. Paul Arnel L. Lucero, SMM, Delegation Superior with other SMM Priests, Rev. Fr. Ariel E. Aquino, SMM; Rev. Fr. Norwyn V. Baydo, SMM and Rev. Fr. Melvin A. Ordañez, SMM. In his homily, Fr. Paul Arnel motivated all of us with our bold response in taking care of God’s creation, being the stewards. The highlight of the activity was the Tree-Planting at the garden and the group sharing afterwards. The day ended with a community prayer, The Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the chapel.

It was indeed a fruitful and meaningful recollection for all of us, bringing in us the realizations and challenges as God’s stewards of His creation.

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