

# LORETO JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COMMITTEE, KENYA

Dear All,

**RE: WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2009 - LORETO TREE PLANTING CEREMONY  
IN  
HONOUR OF OUR LORETO FOUNDRESS MARY WARD.**

On behalf of our Loreto Kenya, Justice and Peace Committee I am sending this little piece of information about one of our small effort to celebrate the Mary Ward Jubilee Year held on Saturday, June 6, 2009.

Thank God the sun shone brightly on the day and the rains stayed away, making it possible to climb the steep slopes of the Ngong Hills. The sight of all the students dressed in their individual school uniforms, all busy planting trees together, was a beautiful one. A number of students took part in an ceremony which formed part of the Tree planting activity during "Mother Earth, Sisters Air and Water and Brothers Fire and Soil" were invited to be with us to protect and give life to the plants amid the praying of the Earth canticles and psalms. .

This was to invite all Loreto Schools in the Nairobi area to plant 400 trees to mark the 400 years of our founding by Mary Ward. Although we reached the 400 tree mark on June 6th efforts are still going on to reach the 4,000 tree mark before the celebrations in Rome take place. With great efforts, like those of Loreto Matunda, who recently planted 1,000 tree seedlings we believe we will reach that figure. We were delighted to have with us also for the day, a large group of Loreto students and teachers from the different Loreto schools in Ireland. Sadly due to time constraints and distances we were unable to have with us for the day our two distant houses of Matunda and Mombasa (Kernya) as well as Loreto Nyakato, (Tanzania) and |Obuassi, (Ghana).

I am sure that Mary Ward looked down very kindly on all the students and teachers gathered together. Let us pray that the 400 indigenous trees may grow strong, tall and straight, as we also pray that each one of us will grow in the spirit of our great foundress, Mary Ward.

With love and prayers from us all here.

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