

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

### YOUR PARTICIPATION

in our activities, volunteer efforts, financial gifts and prayers  
all are appreciated.

### CONTACT US:

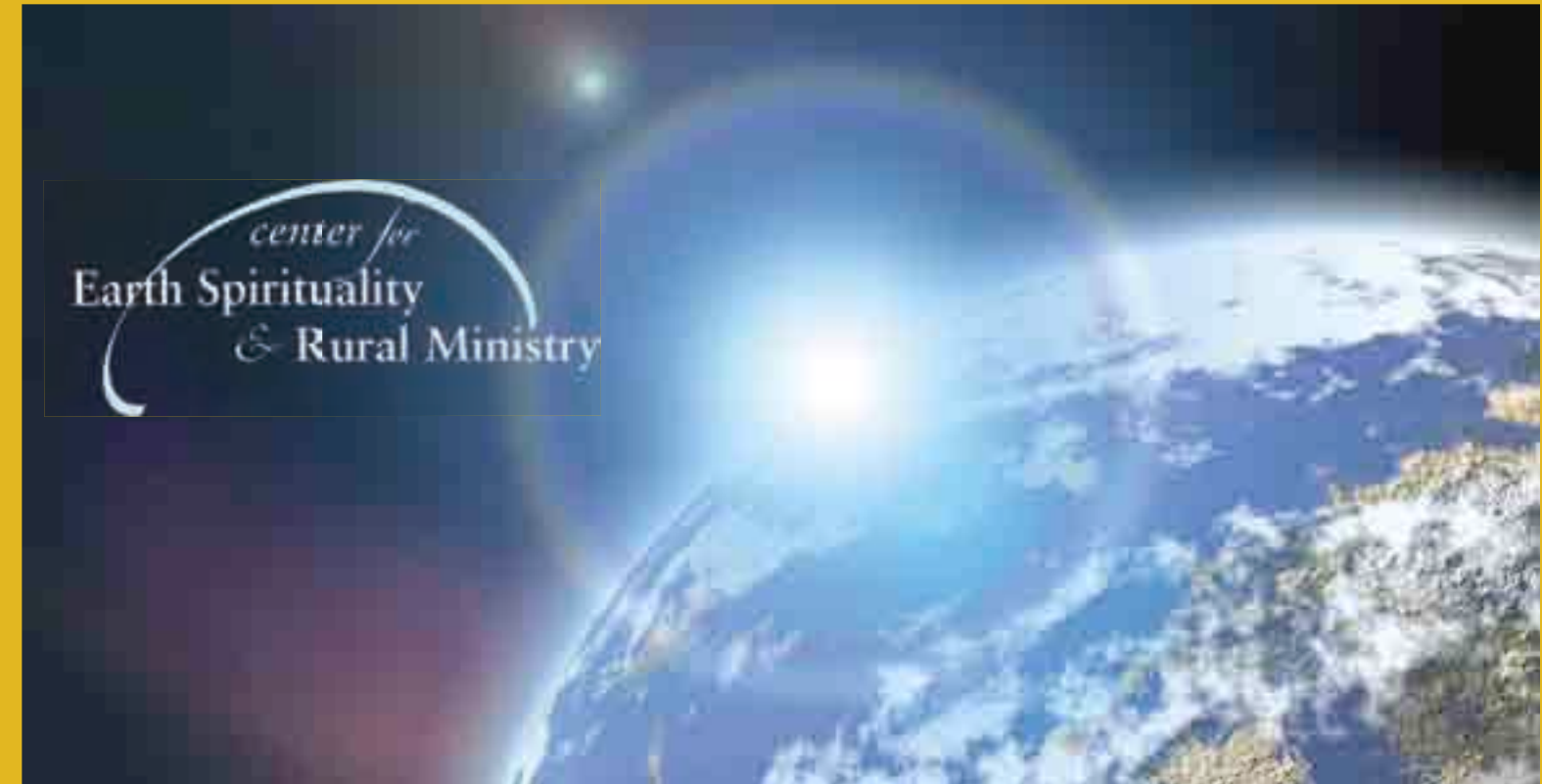
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*"We are called to solidarity with all creation."*

School Sisters of Notre Dame  
MANKATO PROVINCE



**STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS, CREATING HOPE.**

## WHO WE ARE:

Founded and sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1996, we are a ministry of sisters and collaborators of all spiritual traditions passionate about ecological solidarity and enhancing right relationships among humanity, Earth and all that is.

## WHY WE ARE:

An international community of religious women, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, deeply conscious of the fact that the very future of Earth itself is at stake, articulate a call to solidarity with all creation in their formal documents.

Responding to this and the global call put forth by the Earth Charter, a document formally endorsed by organizations representing millions of people throughout the world, the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry exists to work collaboratively toward a sustainable future for all.

*The choice is ours: form a global partnership to care for the Earth and one another or risk the destruction of ourselves and the diversity of life...The spirit of human solidarity and kinship with all life is strengthened when we live with reverence for the mystery of being, gratitude for the gift of life, and humility regarding the human place in it.*

— from the Preamble of the Earth Charter

## WHAT WE DO:

*Awakened to a profound recognition of kinship with the community of life on the planet, we promote living interdependently within the community of life.*

### EDUCATIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENTS

- Annual Earth Conference offered each autumn
- Seasonal Earth Celebrations - Community gatherings marking the transitions of solstices and equinoxes with ritual and reflection.
- Workshops and skill-building classes.
- Retreats and presentations on and off site

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Two acre organic garden providing garden plots for individuals and families to grow food
- Food Shelf Garden – planted, tended and harvested by volunteers in the community
- Children's Peace Garden Project – providing valuable hands-on experience for pre-school to pre-teen.

### ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING

- Seeking systemic change on local, state and national levels.
- Networking with groups in solidarity with issues of sustainability
- Changing public policy to reflect a sustainable future

### EARTH EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTERS

- A vast library of holdings on subjects ranging from earth spirituality to organic gardening, poetry and prose.
- DVD and video library
- Three-season historic dairy barn restored and available for meetings, presentations and workshops



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