

Mail von Fr. Benigno P. Beltran SVD vom 17.04.2017

Dear Engelbert,

Blessed Easter!

Attached is the map of the 79 hectares given by the Dept. of the Environment and Natural Resources to Mga Anak ni Inang Daigdig for bamboo reforestation.

We are planning to make another map with a drone so that we can pinpoint the 10 hectares the dancers planted through the sponsorship of our friends from St. John Parish and the two schools and other sponsors, in heeding the call of Laudato Si to hear the Cry of Mother Earth and hear the Cry of the Poor. If you want, you can choose any area that totals 10 hectares in the diagram and then we will put a sign saying who the sponsors are.

The DENR has given us another 495 hectares near the original 79 hectares and told us to plant bamboo in the river banks of the whole Rizal Province, which might total 1,000 hectares. So we really need a lot of help to produce the seedlings, plant them and then nurture them until they become viable for harvesting.

We have started to organize the people living in the area as associates of Mga Anak ni Inang Daigdig and provide them with livelihood. Last week, the Dept. of Agriculture gave a seminar on mushroom culture.

Please pray that it will be successful so that the 22 participants will earn a living producing and selling mushrooms. We are also making plans for a small bamboo industry which will produce barbecue sticks and chopsticks from bamboo. We will turn into charcoal the parts we cannot use and condense the smoke to produce liquid fertilizer. We will market all these through the e-commerce platform you have sponsored.

We will be praying for all of you in Eichstaett always.

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