

LIVING WITH CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 11:	Second Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) (C) - white
Monday 12:	Ferial - white
Tuesday 13:	Ferial - white
Wednesday 14:	Ferial - white
Thursday 15:	Ferial - white
Friday 16:	Ferial - white
Saturday 17 :	Ferial - white
Sunday 18:	Third Sunday of Easter (C) - white



Water for Life

2. Not a Drop to Waste!

SERIOUS THREATS

The people concerned about water conservation, whether it is our rain water or water from streams, lakes, and underground sources, are very uneasy. This natural resource has come under fire from all directions. The most serious are industrial and agricultural pollution, citizens' carelessness, and non-recycled sewer water. We can add other, more subtle threats: the privatization of this resource and unrestricted harnessing of subterranean sources has made water a seriously endangered commercial commodity.

A QUEBEC FOUNDATION

For the reasons stated above, in 1998 a group of concerned citizens formed a coalition to manage and conserve our water resources. They founded a Quebec association: *Coalition Eau Secours (SOS Water)*. Since then this not-for-profit organization has devoted itself to advocating for and promoting responsible water management of this vital resource. Their perspective includes issues of equity, accessibility, public health, sustainable development, and water sovereignty.

ACCESS TO WATER

SOS Water acknowledges that access to water is a fundamental human right. Thanks to the growing diversity of its membership and their experience and expertise, the organization has been able to rally its forces and make *SOS Water* increasingly present in the public eye. Since its foundation, *SOS Water* has a sustained media presence through its participation in numerous public debates and conferences and providing educational and training sessions. Its publications and benefit events sensitize people to what is at stake in water management and conservation. Its Internet site: www.eausecours.org is updated daily and is the major communication link among members.

(Note: The references and title are from the pamphlet: *La Coalition Eau Secours! L'eau, pas une goutte de trop!*)

PRAYER

Lord, your breath swept over the surface of the water.

You created the dome that separated

The water under the dome From that above it (Gen 1:2, 6-7).

Help us to be responsible beings who will preserve your creation.

Make us aware that we are indeed its privileged guardians.

Amen!

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