

**Remember
Renew
Rejoice**

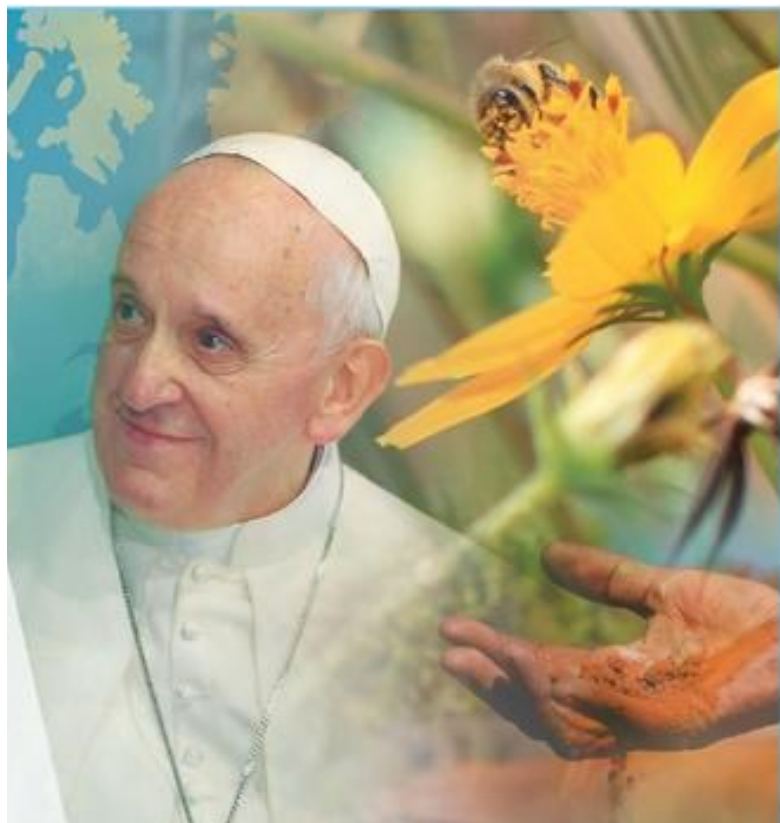
E Te Atua, te Atawhai kaha tonu,
God, your mercy never fails.
As the season of Mātāriki returns once more,
we thank you for the bounty of nature,
for its tireless cycle of sowing,
growing and reaping.
We remember the wisdom of generations
who have lived and worked before us;
and two years since it was published by
Pope Francis, we remember the prophetic
voice of his great letter, *Laudato Si'*,
calling us to care for our common home.

We renew our commitment to live
justly and responsibly,
to use Earth's precious resources with respect,
and to stand firm in decisions and choices
that preserve and enhance the
environment,
its lands, oceans and waterways.
We learn from nature's resilience
to renew our efforts to protect all that lives.

As people of faith and hope, we rejoice
to see nations around the world resolving
to do what is right for the good of all.
We rejoice to lend our voices to those of
the poor,
to heed the cry of our embattled Earth,
and to see endangered species nurtured
to life.
In the whole of creation, may God be praised.
Amen.

- Dennis Horton, He Waka Tiaki
Mercy mission team

**Mātāriki (June 25)
begins this month
just a few days
after the second
anniversary of
Laudato Si', Pope
Francis' letter on
caring for our
common home**



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