

One River, Two Futures

REFLECTIONS ON WATER



When we **respect water as the source of life**, this invites our acts of gratitude and reciprocity.

When we realize that we are only one part of a much greater watershed, our actions have the power to regenerate the living earth. The waters do not 'belong' to us, **we belong to the waters**.

When we protect water for all creation and for generations to come, we affirm the human right to water and our **responsibilities to this sacred gift**.

When we **strive for the common good**, we recognize that everything we do impacts water. Our shared systems that provide energy, food, transportation, recreation, manufacturing, and housing all need to be aligned with protecting water.

WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO WATER?

When governments allow water to be sold, water becomes a commodity. Water traders make millions, while society's most marginalized are forced to go without. **Water is for life, not for profit**.

When people are denied access to clean drinking water and sanitation because these basic needs are too expensive or too polluted, **there is no water justice**.

Our Blue Community program reflects the Congregations of Sisters of St. Joseph's (CSJ) commitment of unity and reconciliation. We honour our responsibilities to protect water as a **human right, shared commons, and sacred gift**.

Through reflection, education, advocacy, and service, this program centers and strengthens our respectful relations to all the waters **circulating our common home**.

