

Living Water Flows: Contemplative Display for the Season of Creation 2026



CONCEPT NOTE

The Season of Creation (SoC) is a special time from September 1 to October 4 to celebrate God as Creator, and pray and respond to the cry of creation. Selected parishes, religious houses and institutions are invited to consider setting up a contemplative display based on the SoC 2026 theme *Living Water* and symbol *Immersion in Living Water*. Drawn from the vision of hope set amid loss and exile in *Ezekiel 47: 1-12*, the prophet describes living water flowing from God's sanctuary that restores land, renews water and lets life flourish again.

The theme/symbol is a call to ask ourselves how we can bring living water to a wounded world. In the theme text, contemplation, hope and healing begins in the Temple – the place for worship, prayer and sacrifice – which in our times is the Church and its community of believers. The purpose of this contemplative display is to facilitate a spiritual immersion, reminiscent of early baptism, that enables God to transform us into channels of living water for the healing of others and creation. It is also in line with the commitment of the episcopal conferences of the global south to *foster spiritual experiences of contemplation and love for all creation and cultivate spirituality in the arts*.

The *Living Water Flows* contemplative display incorporates elements of prayer and experiential sharing, with care taken to ensure existing materials only are used, avoiding any purchase of new items.

Two options are proposed for display in the parish / religious house / institution:

Option 1: Around the baptismal font



Option 2: Chart



A half-day demonstration session has been organised for Sunday morning on 23rd August 2026 (*details overleaf / on next page*). Come and see – and let the Season of Creation showcase our love and commitment towards care for our common home!

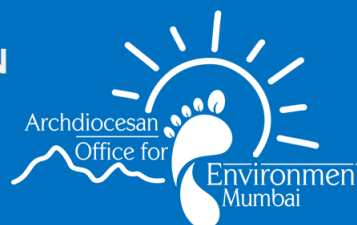


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23-AUG-2026 DEMO SESSION

Living Water Flows Contemplative Display



As preparations for the annual Season of Creation begin, the Archdiocesan Office for Environment (AOE) is organising a **demo session** to facilitate the *Living Water Flows* Contemplative Display in selected parishes / institutions.

Date : Sunday, 23rd August 2026
Time : 10 AM to 1 PM
Venue : Don Bosco Youth Services Hall, Matunga East, Mumbai 400019

The AOE team will demonstrate two options (around the baptismal font and as a chart) proposed for the display, and get participants involved both in the set-up and in the experiential activities. A facilitators' guide will be provided after the session.

Participants

- Total of 15 to 20 persons comprising 2-5 key persons from invited parishes / institutions who would be responsible for the contemplative display
- Recommended that representatives from the liturgical team and green cell, along with catechists and youth participate

Registration

Kindly register the participating group latest by Thursday, 20th August 2026. Please submit the typed registration form (as a Word document only) as per the format provided either by a WhatsApp message to **9076029298** OR as an email attachment to **ecoteam@aobombay.org**.

Sustainability Considerations

As part of the AOE's commitment towards low-impact events, groups are:

- encouraged to bring along a few pieces of blue cloth, paper and sketch / brush pens they already own (please do not purchase!) for use during the demo, and
- carry one own's cup, napkin and reusable water bottle (drinking water will be available)
- Groups commuting together will feature on the AOE Instagram – keep group photographs, tickets, receipts, etc. ready!

The demo session is scheduled such that there is adequate time to prepare for a meaningful display in the parish / institution. After the Season of Creation, please dismantle the display carefully – returning material to the contributors and/or recycling as necessary.

Collaboration and Gratitude

The demo session has been organised with the support of a key collaborator – the Don Bosco Youth Services, Mumbai. Artist and Eco Ambassador Ms Gwyneth Rasquinha has adapted the concept from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2026 for the AOE.