



The Bee Project

at Santa Maria a Ferrano



As an tangible expression of its care for God's creation
the Climate and Creation Ministry Initiative of the Convocation
is supporting the bee project at Santa Maria retreat center in Tuscany,
near Florence.

Both wild and managed bees are beautiful expressions of God's creation.
Together they are vital for our ecosystem, providing services :for plants
and all of us
from food security and medical resources.

Bees also provide us with honey, a nutritious sweetener, royal jelly and
pollen
and other products such as beeswax, propolis and a honey-bee venom.

Bes populations are declining worldwide due to habitat loss, pesticides, and
climate change.

We are planting a Bee Friendly Garden at Santa Maria to helps alleviate
these losses
by providing a safe haven and food source for these fascinating, vital
creatures.

