

## World Ecological Charter

A world ecological charter was signed recently on the 800th Anniversary of the birthday of St. Fran-



cis of Assisi, inviting all religions, governments and non-governmental organisations to work collectively to promote conservation world-wide.

Signatories of the "Charter of Gubbio" include: WWF-Italy (signed by WWF-Italy President Fulco Pratesi), the Club of Rome, the Society for International Development, *The Ecologist* magazine, (UK), Italia Nostra, the World Future Studies Organisation, the European Environmental Bureau and four Franciscan orders.

Following a three day seminar held in Gubbio, Italy, the participants drew up a document embracing the spirit of the universally known Franciscan, in which "men animals, plants and minerals are considered brothers and sisters..."

Participants also requested that "members of world parliaments and individual governments cooperate to heal the wounds already inflicted on the planet by assigning every possible priority in the area of public investments, work projects and programmes of soil protection, water regulation, reforestation, cultivation of desert or damaged lands, and reclamation of natural environments."