Ecological Spirituality

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Opening Prayer

For a New Beginning

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life’s desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

From: To Bless the Space Between Us by John O’Donohue
LAUDATO SI' GOALS

RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH
RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR
ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS
ADOPTION OF SIMPLE LIFESTYLES
ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION
ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATORY ACTION

HOPE FOR THE EARTH AND THE POOR
In the beginning, God created our common home.

"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life."

www.GodsPlanet.us
Facilitator: Dan Misleh, Founder, Catholic Climate Covenant
What does the Franciscan Spiritual Vision have to teach us today?
In our consciousness today...

- Spirituality is informing everything...
- Decision-making is likened to *discernment*
- How does this shift toward ecological justice call forth a Franciscan ‘moment’?
In other words...

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THIS SPIRITUAL VISION MAKE TODAY?
A DIFFERENCE...

...THAT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!
Laudato si', sulla cura della casa comune

Francisco
Fratelli tutti
Mindful of our dignity...

- I do not call you servants; I call you friends." John 15:15

Be conscious... of the wondrous state in which the Lord God has placed you, for He created you and formed you to the image of His beloved Son according to the body, and to His likeness according to the spirit.

St. Francis of Assisi, Admonition 5
BEHOLD!
CREATION: A WORLD OF BEAUTY

Not a place in need of ‘fixing’

Not a realm of ‘fallen, lesser being’

BUT, a GIFT
-- The place where we encounter the sacred

-- The place of ‘conversion’
The beauty of things, too, if we but consider the diversity of
lights, forms and colors in elementary, inorganic, and
organic bodies, as in heavenly bodies and in minerals, in
stones and metals, and in plants and animals, clearly
proclaims these three attributes of God....

...whoever remains unheedful of such great outcries is deaf;
whoever does not turn to the First Principle after so many
signs is a fool.

- *Mind’s Journey into God I, 14-15*
“Summer ends now; now, barbarous in beauty the stooks rise
Around; up above, what wind-walks! What lovely behaviour”

_Hurrahing in Harvest_ by Gerard Manley Hopkins

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CONSIDER!!
THE BEAUTY OF EACH BEING

Each and every being is created with

* Dignity
* Value
* BEAUTY: An inestimable worth

Because of divine love... this is *haecceitas* (thisness)
John Duns Scotus: haecceitas

Every being ...

... is just this.

Scotus, Ordinatio II, distinction 3
Every being is a pearl of great price!
Laudato sì, sulla cura della casa comune

Franciscus
Our call to action...

“This sister earth now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will.

...our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”

Laudato Si, n. 2
Our call to action...

“I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians.

He was particularly concerned for God’s creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. ...He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.”

• Laudato Si, n. 10
Our call to action...

“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.

Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share.

Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.”

*Laudato Si, n. 13*
A deep yearning, inclination/energy for happiness, for wholeness, for perfection, the SELF (MY GOOD)

A deep yearning, inclination/energy for VALUE, for things of intrinsic worth independent of the self, for OTHERS, for loving rightly (COMMON GOOD)
Walking in the Spirit

HOW TO BALANCE MYSELF
HOW TO FIND INNER HARMONY
HOW TO ACT IN BEAUTIFUL WAYS
A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

Luke 10:25-37
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE FRANCISCAN VISION MAKE?

1. A hope-filled vision of the human person and action
2. An abundant vision of divine action
3. An affirmation of divine presence
4. A continuous going beyond oneself
5. An invitation to generous living
Integral Ecology & The Spirituality of Remaining

Diana Marin
“Everything is interconnected and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the trinity.”

- Laudato Si’, 240
“We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.”

- Laudato Si’, 139
The Theological Territory of Remaining
We are in a cultural moment of collective transforming and of reinventing the human at the species level, entering “into the community of all life in the presence of a biological self that has emerged through death and dying experience of every biological form of life.”

- Sr. Chris Loughlin
“Death is not an event that is concluded. Neither is life a victorious event that stands on the other side of death. There is a middle to this narrative; it reveals a theological territory of remaining.”

- Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF.
“However Long the Night: Holy Mystery Revealed in our Midst”
“The promise of life ahead cannot always be envisioned. Death is not an event that is concluded. Neither is life a victorious event that stands on the other side of death. There is a middle to this narrative; it reveals a theological territory of remaining. However long the night!”

- Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF

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Thank You!

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Closing Prayer

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

A Prayer for Our Earth, Pope Francis
THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING!