
Spirit of Adventure: Parish Life Re-Imagined



Being with God in Nature: An Adventure

“They should strive to seek the presence of God our Lord in all things--for instance, in association with others, in walking, looking, tasting, hearing, thinking, indeed, in all that they do. It is certain that the majesty of God is in all things by God's presence, activity and essence.”



Ignatius of Loyola
writing to younger
Jesuits

“The Incarnation is a making new, a restoration, of all the universe’s forces and powers; Christ is the Instrument, the Center, the End, of the whole of animate and material creation; through Him, everything is created, sanctified and vivified.”



Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ

“...someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, humanity will have discovered fire.”



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“Earth is calling us back to itself, and not only to us but to all its components, calling them into an intimacy with one another and to the larger community within which all earthly realities have their existence....”



– Thomas Berry

“The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dew drop, in a poor person’s face.”



Pope Francis – Laudato Si (2015)

The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... [God's] boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or used to sit by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighbourhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si 'On Care for Our Common Home', 84.





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