

# Deep Roots: A Pilgrimage of Hope For Creation



**Host: Welcome to Deep Roots CPS Farm**

**Movement to Tiny House for Opening Prayer Service**



**Opening Prayer Service:**

- 1. Centering (Marie Michele)**
- 2. Song: Canticle of the Sun (Grace and Tom)**
- 3. Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Prayer (Patrick, Lynn)**

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Pilgrimage%20Prayers.pdf>

**Ritual: Prayer Jar (Marie Michele)**

- Centering**
- Invitation to Create Prayer Intention for Day**
- Put note in Prayer Jar**

**Instructions & Invitation to Proceed to First Station (Lynn)**

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## FOREST PASTURE - SANCTUARY OF WILD AND TAME

SETTLE IN TO THIS SACRED SPACE. SIT OR WALK SLOWLY AROUND THE PASTURE,  
QUIETLY, BREATHING IN THE INTERTWINING OF THE  
WILD AND TAME

### FAITH INSIGHTS:



A forest pasture is a meeting place of wildness and cultivation, where trees, grasses, and animals coexist in harmony. Theologically, it can be seen as a sign of shalom—the wholeness of creation living in interdependence. Like Eden, it embodies both beauty and provision: trees offering shelter, roots protecting soil, grass sustaining the horses, and in return, they fertilize the land. In this way, the forest pasture is a living parable of God’s economy, where nothing exists for itself alone but all things participate in the cycle of giving and receiving. Scripture often portrays God as a shepherd who leads the flock to green pastures (Psalm 23) and as the One who plants trees by streams of living water (Ezekiel 47; Revelation 22). A forest pasture brings these images together, revealing how creation itself is a sanctuary where nourishment, rest, and communion are found. It reminds us that divine abundance is not about domination or excess but about balance, reciprocity, and care.

HOW DO YOU BOTH GIVE AND RECEIVE? WHERE DO YOU FIND REST AND COMMUNION?  
DO YOU LIVE AS BOTH GARDEN AND GARDENER – TENDING THOSE OF TODAY &  
TOMORROW ... AND BEING TENDED?

### Reflection From Laudato Si (86, 159 )

As the Catechism teaches: “God wills the interdependence of creatures. The sun and the moon, the cedar and the little flower, the eagle and the sparrow: the spectacle of their countless diversities and inequalities tells us that no creature is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other”.

Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. ...Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us.

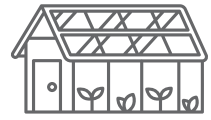
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# POLLINATOR GARDEN & GREENHOUSE - A COMMUNION OF LIFE

SETTLE IN TO THIS SACRED SPACE. SIT OR WALK SLOWLY AROUND THE GARDEN & GREEN HOUSE, QUIETLY, BREATHING IN THE COMMUNION OF LIFE

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FAITH INSIGHTS:

A pollinator garden is a living liturgy of interdependence. Flowers open in beauty, offering nectar; bees, butterflies, and other small creatures carry pollen, ensuring the fruitfulness of the earth. A greenhouse is a shelter of patience and possibility. It is where fragile seedlings are tended, protected, and given the conditions to grow strong. Theologically, these are spaces of divine care. They are a parable of God's kingdom, where the smallest participants play indispensable roles (1 Cor. 12:22). It reveals the Creator's design for communion and care, where flourishing comes through mutual exchange and shared vulnerability.

WHEN YOUR SPIRIT IS READY, REFLECT ON LAUDATO SI' AND WHAT MESSAGE IS BEING REVEALED TO YOU BY YOUR CREATOR ...

### Reflection From Laudato Si (84)

The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his 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 neighborhood square; going back to these places is a chance to recover something of their true selves.

IF EVERYTHING IS SACRED AND A PLACE WHERE GOD REVEALS GOD-SELF, HOW COULD CARE FOR CREATION BECOME VISIBLE IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?

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# FARM ANIMALS AS FELLOW-CREATURES AND TEACHERS OF GRACE

SIT OR WALK SLOWLY TO FIND THE GOATS AND OR DUCKS, QUIETLY,  
BREATHING IN THE GRACE FILLED EXISTENCE OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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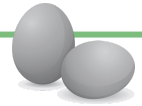
## FAITH INSIGHTS:

In Christian theology, animals are not only resources but fellow-creatures within God's creation (Genesis 1:20–25). Ducks, chickens, and goats each show us something about God. Perhaps Ducks, able to move between water, land, and air, point to creation's adaptability and remind us of the Spirit who moves across all places.

Chickens, with their steady patterns of foraging and nesting, reflect God's daily provision. Goats, hardy and energetic, show both resilience and joy, qualities that help life endure. Together, these animals illustrate our interdependence: humans are part of the same household of God (oikos), where every creature has a role in the well-being of the whole. They help us see that God's love reaches through all creation and is gathered up in the Eucharist, where the whole world is offered and blessed.

STAY IN THEIR PRESENCE. HONOR THEM. IMAGINE WAYS OF EATING THAT HONORS THE  
SANCTITY OF THEIR LIFE. THEN MEDITATE ON THE WORDS OF LAUDATO SI'

### Reflection From Laudato Si (236)



In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living centre of the universe, ...the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love.

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, ... Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

DO YOU IMAGINE OUR COSMIC BRETHREN AS PARABLES REVEALING SOMETHING OF  
GOD? DO YOU DELIGHT IN THE WORLD BECAUSE THE EUCHARIST IS ITS LIVING  
CENTER?

PRAY ON HOW YOUR EMBODIED LIFE IS INTERTWINED WITH THEIRS. DISCERN THE  
SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR DEPENDENCY ON PLANT AND ANIMAL  
LIFE AND DEATH

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# COMPOST AS SACRED TRANSFORMATION

SETTLE IN TO THIS SACRED SPACE. SIT OR STAND BY THE COMPOST AREA, QUIETLY, PONDERING THE CIRCLE OF LIFE INGRAINED INTO OUR PLANET WHICH WE OFTEN IGNORE

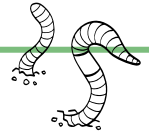
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## FAITH INSIGHTS:

Compost can be understood as a parable of death and resurrection. What appears to be waste, decay, death and loss is in truth the material through which God's renewing work unfolds. Just as the grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die in order to bear fruit (John 12:24), so organic matter surrenders its form, becoming soil teeming with unseen life. Compost is thus sacramental: an earthy sign of the Creator's promise that nothing in creation is wasted, but all is drawn into cycles of renewal. It is a practice of humility and hope, reminding us that even our scraps and failures can be gathered into God's work of restoration.

STAY A WHILE AS THIS SACRED TRANSFORMATION QUIETLY UNFOLDS. DEATH AND DECAY IS BEING ABSORBED IN THE DARKNESS OF THE PILES OF MATTER LEADING TO NEW LIFE. THEN LET LAUDATO SI' PERMEATE YOUR IMAGINATION

## Reflection From Laudato Si (217)



The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion.

It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent.

So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.



IN A TIME WHEN SO MUCH FEELS LIKE WASTE AND LOSS, COMPOST REMINDS US THAT GOD'S RENEWAL IS REAL—BUT IT ALSO REQUIRES OUR HANDS AND HEARTS. WHAT "SCRAPS" OF MY LIFE, HABITS, OR COMMUNITY IS GOD CALLING ME TO SURRENDER?

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## **Closing Prayer Service: Deep Roots, New Life**

- 1. Song: Make Me Channel of Your Peace (Grace & Tom)**
- 2. Ritual: Stones (Marise)**
  - **Take one for personal use and remembrance**
  - **Moment of Silence**

## **Final Prayer: Jubilee Prayer (Cathy & Marise & Sr. Rose Marie)**

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/preghiera.html>

## **Invitation to Creation Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church (5:30pm)**



# Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Prayer

God in Heaven, as we begin our journey today, we pray that You will accept the efforts we make on this pilgrimage. We offer it in praise of You and with love for all that You have created.

Be our companion along the way, our guide at the crossroads, our strength in weariness, our defense in danger, our shelter in heat and cold, our light in darkness, our comfort in discouragement.

Open our hearts to everything that we encounter, to see You in our human brothers and sisters and in every being which You have made, for all things speak of You. Help us to understand Your will and to follow it with courage, confidence, and joy.

We pray that, with your grace and guidance, we will share your Good News with every creature and become agents of reconciliation and healing for all of Creation. May our witness be a leaven of authentic hope, the harbinger of the new heavens and the new earth which You have in store for us.

Help us to remember that this pilgrimage is just one step on our journey to you. We pray in a special way for our new Pope Leo and for his intentions. Give him the strength and wisdom he needs to guide your pilgrim Church on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen



## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen



# Deep Roots Pilgrimage: Map

