



**Ecology & Spirituality
are
fundamentally connected,
because deep
Ecological awareness,
ultimately is
Spiritual awareness.**

Fritjof Capra

**Reflections
from your
Faith TO Justice
Committee**

April 26, 2016

The Lord loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Ps. 33:5

We depend on God's good creation for our life. We see its beauty and goodness, lament our own inability to receive it well, and hope that God might renew us and refashion this bond of dependence in ways that glorify God and rejoice with neighbor. That renewal is what we mean by making all things holy; when we do it together (as we must), we are being the church, the people called to be a sacrament of Christ for the world. In caring for creation, and in refashioning our patterns of life, this call to holiness should enliven us collectively to joyfully give ourselves so that others –and all creation–might live.

D. Cloutier, *Walking God's Earth*, p. 125

...I am interested in how such a (ecological) spirituality can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world....Admittedly, Christians have not always appropriated and developed the spiritual treasures bestowed by God upon the Church, where the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us.

Pope Francis, *LAUDATO SI'*, #216