

Reflection for Week of Sept 7th of Season of Creation

“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.” Laudato Si 84



Michael McCarthy, naturalist and journalist, in a dialogue with Krista Tippett, spoke of the “500,000 generations when we were wild beings, a species among many others.” He said that “We may have left nature but nature has never left us.” And brings us healing and deep well-being. He also tells us “To be fully human is to realize that the natural world is where we come from.”



Perhaps we might respond to Pope Francis’ direction this week by spending time remembering where we spent time in nature as children, the spaces we loved, the creatures we met, the feelings that touched us most deeply. Can we ask one another to speak about these experiences?

Michael McCarthy encourages us to “Love nature in an informed way. With a realization of what it means for our human life.” He also pointed out the fact that “Our feelings are the beginning of political will.”



Perhaps this music may be a help.

Consider the Lilies of the Field

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