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**IMAGES OF GOD IN
TEILHARD AND MERTON**
July 17-22, 2022

Today, one of the most challenging questions for believers is how to envision the role of the Divine in ongoing creation. Contemporary mystics have described powerful images that address this dilemma. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin speaks eloquently of the Cosmic Christ hinted at in Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians (1:9-10 and 4:9-10). Thomas Merton sings the praises of Divine Wisdom (Prov. 8:22-36) in his poem entitled “Hagai Sophia.” Others see the Divine as fountain fullness and the World as a revelation of the Divine. During this program, we will explore these images, consider their relevance as we address the concerns of today’s world and contemplate the presence of Divine Love at the heart of our ever-expanding Cosmos.

Resource Person: Sr. Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, PhD, is Professor Emerita of Physics and Director of the Institute for Religion and Science at Chestnut Hill College, PA. She is President of the American Teilhard Association, Associate Editor of *Teilhard Studies*, a biannual publication of the American Teilhard Association, and serves on the Board of *Cosmos and Creation*. Her current research interest concerns the religious essays of Jesuit paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and the relationship of his synthesis to modern developments in science. She has published, *Teilhard’s Struggle: Embracing the Work of Evolution* (Orbis, 2019), as well as several book



Mission Institute Presenter Diarmuid O’Murchu making a major point during his Program.

chapters and articles about Teilhard. Kathleen also guides evening, weekend, and weeklong retreats on topics related to Teilhard’s life and work.

**VULNERABILITY IS A MARK OF
EXISTENCE**
~Film’s Testimony to Truth and Hope~
July 24-29, 2022

The vulnerability of precious things is beautiful because vulnerability is a mark of existence. Stars and blossoming fruit trees: Utter permanence and extreme fragility give an equal sense of eternity. – Simone Weil, Gravity and Grace.

Whether it is to protect ourselves from the harshness of life or an attempt to look good in the eyes of others, we often don the armor of invincibility. Wearing this shell for too long, we can become numbed to truth. Film artists remind us what is most important in life – shattering the shell and revealing a trembling self who longs to be understood and to love with the eyes of faith. Viewing these works of art through the eyes of faith renews our hope in our Loving God.

Resource Person: Rev. Larry Lewis, MM, PhD, ordained in 1975, served in the Hua Ming Counseling Center, Taipei, Taiwan; and 1988-1991, taught American literature, family psychology, writing and film at Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China. For 20 years he

coordinated the China Educators & Formators Project. Since 2003, Larry has offered retreats and workshops throughout China. He served 4 years at the Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma, NY, and now serves at the Maryknoll Center in Pastoral Ministry. Larry holds a doctorate in Spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. He authored *The Misfit: Haunting the Human-Unveiling the Divine* (Orbis, 1997).

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LAUDATO SI'
“CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME”:
Pope Francis calls us to care for God’s
imperiled Creation, it is time to act!
May 15-20, 2022

Laudato Si’ is a wakeup call for all of us! A call to become involved, a call to take action. In this program we will look closely at the elements of concern and the consequences of climate change. We will listen to testimonies from around the world many of unfairness and injustice of this crisis and how it is affecting the poor and mother earth. Participants will share their own involvement, calling forth the importance of our commitment to “Care of our Common Home.” The *Laudato Si’* Animator model will guide our reflections and actions enabling us to enhance our skills of prayer and action leading to a deeper ecological conversion. This profound act of care invites us into this Global Movement of solidarity.

Resource Person: Dr. Erin Lothes, PhD, is a theologian at Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown, NJ, a researcher in the field of energy ethics and a scholar of the faith-based environmental movement. Currently on leave, Erin is now Senior Manager of Laudato Si’ Animators Program with the Laudato Si’ Movement (formerly the Global Catholic Climate Movement). Dr. Lothes has participated in the activism of the interfaith environmental and divestment movement since 2003. Dr. Lothes holds a Ph.D. in systematic Theology from Fordham University, and a Master’s in Theology from Boston College, She served as an Earth Institute Fellow at Columbia University researching environmental advocacy at diverse American congregations.

HEALING THE EARTH:
Spiritual Practices for Personal and
Planetary Transformation
June 5-10, 2022

Great Spiritual traditions proclaim that transformation, personally and planetary are interconnected. During this program, we will integrate theological reflection, spiritual practices and our stories. People who changed their lives

and also the world, will inspire us: Dorothy Day, Howard Thurman, Albert Schweitzer, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Thich Nhat Hanh, Martin Luther King, and Oscar Romero. Stories of spiritual transformation from guides such as Julian of Norwich, Hildegard of Bingen, Brother Lawrence, Pierre de Caussade, Rumi, Francis and Clare of Assisi, will lead us on our journey.

Resource Person: Dr. Bruce G. Epperly, PhD, is a pastor, professor and author of over sixty books in theology, spirituality, ministry, scripture, health and wholeness. In addition to a long career as a university chaplain and congregational minister, he has served on the faculties of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary, Claremont School of Theology and Georgetown University. He is currently a professor in the areas of theology, spirituality and ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He is ordained in the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). His latest publication is *Mystics in Action: Twelve Saints for Today* (Orbis, 2020).

ECO-JUSTICE AND THE EMERGING
CHALLENGES FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH
June 12-17, 2022

In the light of Covid-19, our human relationship with the organic world, and particularly with other life forms, is an ethical and spiritual issue of growing significance. The implications for how we are called to live and practice our faith are quite substantial and will be reviewed in detail in this program.

Resource Person: Diarmuid O’Murchu, MSC, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin Ireland, is a social psychologist most of whose working life has been in social ministry, predominantly in London, UK. In that capacity he has worked as a couple’s counsellor, in bereavement work, AIDS-HIV counselling, and in more recent times, with homeless people and refugees. As a workshop leader and group facilitator he has worked in Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, Philippines, Thailand, India and in several African countries, facilitating programs on *Adult Faith Development*. He is currently working on a book for Orbis,

provisionally entitled *Spirituality after Covid 19*, which will be released September 2022. He now lives in Dublin, Ireland.

INTEGRATING MINDFULNESS TOOLS
WITH CHRISTIANITY TOWARD
COMPASSION AND JUSTICE
June 19-24, 2022

This week will offer us the opportunity to learn the basic tools of mindfulness. We will explore how these tools can help us move into deeper centeredness. This will enable us to be open to the awareness of God in our midst and inspire us to continue the work of justice.

Resource Person: Gail J. Stearns, M.Div., PhD, is a spiritual leader and educator committed to helping people achieve greater compassion and deepen spirituality in their lives. She teaches mindfulness as a dynamic tool for lessening anxiety and living with present awareness. Gail currently serves as the Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel and is Associate Professor of Religious and Peace Studies at Chapman University in Orange, California. With a certification in Mindfulness Facilitation from UCLA and experience practicing meditation for over 30 years, she works with businesses, healthcare agencies, university students, and women’s groups. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Gail holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from Washington State University.

THEOGENESIS:
God’s Becoming in Evolution
July 7-8, 2022
(Two-day program \$160.00)

Our concept of God governs just about everything, from religious life to politics and the Church. Yet, our understanding of God is still based on ancient metaphysical principles. Here we will explore a new understanding of God in a universe that is still being born. Using the works of Carl Jung, Teilhard de Chardin and Peter Todd, we will examine the ongoing creation of God through the process of individuation. Teilhard’s ideas on theogenesis and the Christic will be discussed, as a new reality of God emerges through

cosmos and personhood.

Resource Person: Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, PhD, is a Franciscan Sister of Washington DC and holds the Josephine C. Connelly Chair in Christian Theology at Villanova University. Her area of research is Science and Religion with interests in artificial intelligence, evolution, quantum physics and the importance of these for Christian doctrine and life. She is the author of over twenty-three books including *Making All Things New: Catholicity, Cosmology and Consciousness*, a finalist for the 2019 Michael Ramsey Prize. She is founder of the Center for Christogenesis, an online educational resource for promoting the vision of Teilhard de Chardin and is a Fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion.

WOMEN AT THE WELL:
Agents of Change and Shapers of the World
July 10-15, 2022

Rooted in the prophetic encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, we will examine ways in which women continue to use the wisdom of their lived experience to tell their stories about the in-breaking Kingdom of God. We will read excerpts of first-person accounts of feminist visions of a more just world, look at contemporary feminist theories and practices of justice and examine women’s contributions to movements of social change

Resource Person: Maureen H. O’Connell, PhD, is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics in



Participants showing their joy as they get to know each other during a Program.