

Ecology Day

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One of the core values of Catholic Social Teaching is *Care for God's Creation*, which insists that we respect our Creator as we protect people and the planet. We live our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. A panel of speakers will address this area of social justice on Saturday, April 23, 2005, the day after "Earth Day". It will be an experience of solidarity with nature. With the extended lunch period attendees will have time to walk a hiking path, the labyrinth, or be in the presence of the 150-year old trees on the beautiful 50-acre campus of The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The indoor portion of the day will take place in the large auditorium located beneath the chapel. The campus is located ½ mile east of Route 45 (LaGrange Road) at 9263 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. (Please use first or second driveway entrance.)

Schedule for the Day

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the Day
- 9:10 a.m. Sacred Universe Ritual (Ann Kuhn and Lynn Fleming of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish)
- 10:00 a.m. Catholic Social Teaching on Creation & "Earth Charter" (Fr. John Surette, SJ, co-founder & director of Spiritearth)
- 10:50 a.m. "Mountain Top Removal: Its Effects on People & the Environment" (Sr. Robbie Pentecost , Executive Director, Catholic Committee on Appalachia)
- 11: 55 a.m. Lunch & time communing with creation
- 1: 10 p.m. "Interfaith Power & Light: Region V" (Rev. Clare Butterfield, Director , Faith in Place)
- 2: 00 p.m. "Organic Farming with its respect for nature and the effects of corporate agribusiness farms on farm workers and creation" (Gary Gauger, organic farmer)
- 2: 50 p.m. "Networking for Sustainable Households" (Grace A. Gyori, Presbyterian missionary)
- 3: 40 p.m. "Current local and national issues and pending environmental legislation" (Sierra Club representative)
- 4:30 p.m. Closing

A \$15 donation (\$12.00 for students or seniors) is requested and includes the cost of lunch. Please e-mail Joyce Ruhaak at joyceru@dioceseofjoliet.org or phone her at 815-834-4036 with any questions. Please mail reservation below to: *Ecology Day*, c/o Diocese of Joliet Peace & Social Justice Ministry, 402 S. Independence Blvd., Romeoville, IL 60446. Be sure to indicate if you are vegetarian or have special dietary needs.

REGISTRATION FORM

DUE: Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Please enclose \$15 donation (\$12.00 for students or seniors)
made payable to "Peace and Social Justice Ministry."



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Presentations run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15.00 per person including lunch
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For More Information:
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