



Global Climate Change is Changing Us

A retreat integrating scientific insights, spiritual wisdom, and choices for action

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Dan promotes education and action for the Catholic Climate Covenant – a national Catholic partnership that includes the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and a dozen other agencies. The Covenant presents a Catholic approach to climate change that is directed to the common good, encourages others to embrace ancient teachings about the care of creation, and demonstrates a priority concern for those already at risk from climate change - the vulnerable at home and abroad. Dan served eleven years at the USCCB both as a policy advisor and as Director of Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. He holds a degree in Business Management from Xavier University, Cincinnati and a Masters in Theology from Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley.

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Natural warming and cooling of Earth is a sacred evolutionary process that continues as part of the dynamic of the universe. However, 97% of climate scientists agree that climate change over the past century is very likely due to human activities. With extremes taking place so rapidly, our life source systems are impacted in dramatic ways and we are entering a new era some have called the Anthropocene.

This weekend retreat integrates scientific insights with spiritual wisdom based on Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and the mission of the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Input, conversation, contemplation, creativity and ritual allow time to reflect and discern personal choices and communal actions needed for a sustainable future.

Resources include a copy of *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue Prudence and the Common Good* from the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

We are losing the attitude of wonder, contemplation, listening to creation...

Pope Francis

Sister Barbara O'Donnell, HM



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Barbara is an educator with youth and adults focusing on spirituality and ecological sustainability. She integrates Catholic perspectives within a cosmic worldview and offers presentations and retreat opportunities that include reflection on the meaning of humility in relationship to all life communities. She serves as an Ambassador with the Catholic Climate Covenant. She is a member of Sisters of Earth and other Eco networks.

Barbara holds Master Degrees in Religious Education from LaSalle University, Philadelphia and in Earth Literacy from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Terra Haute.

7:00 PM Friday, April 24, 2015 - 4:00 PM Saturday, April 25, 2015

Cost: \$125 (Includes: Program, Lodging, and Meals/Refreshments from Pizza Supper on Friday to Lunch on Saturday)

Commuter Rate: \$100 (Includes: Retreat, Lunch/Dinner Meals and Refreshments)

Register on line at www.vmesco.org or call 724-964-8886

Registration due by April 15, 2015

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