

Nurturing Christ-Presence with God's Good Earth & Cosmos

July 5th – 10th, 2018

with Maureen Wild, SC

Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center, Cincinnati, OH

[Note: this retreat precedes the July 12-15 Sisters of Earth Conference on the same campus.]



Stained glass image created by Felician Franciscan Sister Ann Therese Kelly - Inspired by the 'Canticle of Creation' written in 1224 by Francis of Assisi, it reflects the cosmic view of the earth - Sun, moon, stars, wind, water, and the earth teeming with birds and fish, water, fire, mother earth, continents, trees and leaves.

God's good Earth and cosmos continues to evolve around us and within us. The creating energy of God is an ongoing process - *cosmogogenesis*. It is Divine creativity unfolding a sacred creation.

The living consciousness and loving presence of Christ likewise continues to evolve and deepen through us – as members of a universal world heart that ever longs for deeper communion.

We experience a 2000-year allurements to the Christ love song, and in a particular way as its evolution continued in the hearts of our spiritual founders and Saints and ancestors and us. We walk in this long legacy of love unfolding, love evolving within and among us through deep time – *Cosmogogenesis, Christogenesis*.

Conferences integrate the legacy and identity we share as cosmological-beings, Earth-beings, Christ-centered beings, and beings within the universal heart of love that is continually carried forward. Conferences will also draw on parallel themes from Pope Francis regarding an integral ecology and the urgency for protection and compassion highlighted within *Laudato Si' - Care of our Common Home*.

In this special contemplative setting - with invitation into silence and reflection, communion, prayer - this retreat encourages nurturing Christ-presence with God's good Earth and cosmos - nurturing love for our sacred Earth community, *greening* our minds, hearts and Spirit for love of the present and for generations to come.

Cost: \$475 USD

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Sister Maureen Wild is originally from the Peace River country of northern Alberta. A Sister of Charity (Halifax) since 1983, she served as parish assistant and teacher for several years in the inner cities of Edmonton, AB, and Roxbury, MA.

In 1987 Maureen did an internship in Toronto with scientist Rosalie Bertell, GNSH, which focused on the health effects of radioactive poisoning; while also studying at St. Michael's College where she was introduced to the writings of Thomas Berry, CP, through a study of *Ecological Ethics*. Thomas' synthesis and wisdom has had ongoing and profound impact on Maureen's way of seeing the world. In 1990 she made her final vows within a new context; she vowed to live as an integral and responsible member within the community of all creation. She strives to practice this in her lifestyle and prayer, in her ministry and in her way of being in the world.

Maureen's graduate studies ('93 Boston) and primary ministry focus for over two decades has been on themes of our *Living Cosmology and Sacred Ecology*. She served as Director of two spiritual-based ecological learning centres – Genesis Farm, NJ and Centre for Earth and Spirit, BC (which she founded). As a sought-after speaker and retreat guide, she continually develops educational and retreat initiatives. (www.paxgaia.ca) Maureen is also writing the memoirs of a Cree-Chipewyan woman elder who lives in the midst of the Athabasca Tar Sands industry of northern AB. And she has been deeply inspired by Paula Gonzalez, SC - by Paula's great work and legacy focused on positive action with renewable energy sources and low carbon footprint.



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