

# Eco Spirituality and the Cosmos

with Sr. Judy Schachtel SMS

**Dates:** Saturday May 25

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50 includes lunch; \$40 bring your own lunch

**Detail:** The discoveries of modern Science are revealing the marvelous unfolding of the Cosmos! It is a story full of Divine elegance and mystery that challenges us to expand our way of understanding and relating to God, and to the sacredness of God's creation. These discoveries have brought us to understand our connectedness as a most fundamental reality. Fr. Thomas Berry says, 'Earth is a communion of subjects - not a collection of objects.'

We will explore how spirituality emerges as one of awe, wonder, and a unitive consciousness that Jesus and mystics like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Hildegard of Bingen OSB, and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ grasped. It is Ecological Spirituality that is emerging now in a time of loss of connection with Nature, and that is calling us to our place in the Community of Life. There will be film, discussion, reflection time, a presentation drawing on science, spirituality, and an in-depth look at *Laudato Si, Care of Our Common Home* by Pope Francis.

**Presenter:** Judy Schachtel, SMS, has a B.Th from Newman Theological College in Edmonton, and MA in Culture and Spirituality from Holy Names College in Oakland, California. Sr. Judy worked at an Ecology Centre on Vancouver Island for five years. She offers workshops and retreats in Ecological Spirituality, Eco Justice, and *Laudato Si*. Prior to that Sr. Judy taught elementary school, formation ministry for her community and adult faith education in parish ministry.

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