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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee:

If we examine and reflect on the integration of spirituality into integral ecology, we read: “Within the community of creation, human beings are made in the image of God in the sense that they are part of creation that has come to personhood, they are invited into interpersonal relationship with God in grace, and they are called to graceful relations with their fellow creatures.”

Ecology at the Heart of Faith (Pg 119)

“Only the diversity of life—huge soaring trunks of trees, the community of ants, the flashing colors of parrots, the beauty of wildflowers, along with the mind and heart of the human—can give expression to the radical diversity and otherness of the Trinitarian God. The diversity of creation, and the diversity of life on Earth, can be seen as sacramental, as expressing and representing the abundance and dynamism of the divine communion.”

Ibid (Pg 121)

“When people encounter nature and feel a sense of awe, they sometimes say they have sensed something ‘sacred’ in nature. These experiences can be profound and life changing. If a person’s inner energy and beliefs were previously disconnected from nature and now a powerful experience of awe has changed that, then a person’s spirituality has changed. Indeed, this is why many environmentalists with more people would have experiences of the sacred in nature. It is an experience that can motivate a person to take more interest in knowing the Earth and caring for it.”

Introduction: Healing Earth (Pg 29)

What effect does it have on you when you reflect on the Denis Edward’s statement reminding us that the diversity of creation and diversity of life itself can be seen as sacramental, as an expression of divine communion? It might feel overwhelming but, then, haven’t we been saying that all of life is interconnected?