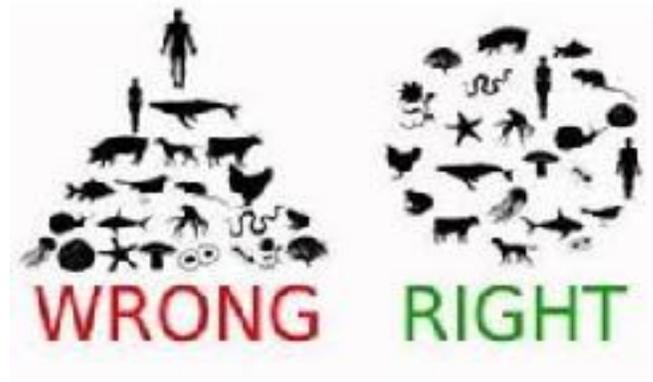


# Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, March 1



## **Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:**

“Pope Francis reminds us that Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor.”

(Catholic Climate, [Covenant.org](http://Covenant.org))

Thomas Aquinas wrote:

“The distinction of multitude of things come from the intention of the first agent, who is God. For God brought many things into being in order that his goodness might be communicated to creatures and represented in them; and because this goodness could not be adequately represented by one creature alone, God produced many and diverse creatures, so that what was wanting to one representation of divine goodness might be supplied by another. For goodness which in God is simple and uniform, in creatures is manifold and diverse. Hence the whole universe together participates in the divine goodness more perfectly, and represents it better than any single creature whatever.

“Not one creature, not even the human can image God by itself. Only the diversity of life—huge soaring trees, the community of ants, the flashing colors of the parrot, the beauty of the wildflower along with the human—can give expression to the radical diversity and otherness of the Trinitarian God. The diverse species we find on Earth can be seen as sacraments of God. They express and represent the one who fills all things and holds all things in existence. Such a view challenges the ruthless human destruction of species and their habitats in the modern era.

“Diversity receives its most radical validation from a God who encompasses difference in communion.”

(Pg 78-79, *Ecology at the Heart of Faith*, Denis Edwards)

How would you renew your encounter with Jesus? To experience one of the sacraments exemplified by diversity of life? Is this another example of the interconnectedness of all life?