

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

“The challenge to find the living God in solidarity with the poor of the Earth remains an enormous challenge for Christian faith in this coming century. The argument of this book is that commitment to the poor and commitment to the well-being of life on this planet must go together as two interrelated dimensions of the one Christian vocation. Ecological conversion is not opposed to, but intimately involved with, conversion to the side of the poor. And ecological conversion, like conversion to the side of the poor, will need to involve both the political and the mystical, and the discovery of the mystical precisely in the political.” (*Ecology at the Heart of Faith*, Denis Edwards, Pg. 11)

“Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships, between individuals but also macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones ... Social love is the key to authentic development. In order to make society more human, more worthy of the human person, love in social life — political, economic and cultural — must be given the highest value, becoming the constant and highest norm for all activities. In this framework, along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a culture of care which permeates all of society. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us.” (*Laudato Si'* Par. 231)

Some things cannot be read or written too often. Think about it! Reflect on what you know and what you have read today. How would you say it in one paragraph?

Write that paragraph and send it to joann.showalter@providence.org by April 1. You may see it in a future Wednesday Earth Wisdom.

We learn from each other. What do you want to say?