

## A Message from Reclaiming Earth Committee – March 27, 2019

Many of you may be familiar with the writing of eco-theologian Mgr. Denis Edwards who lived and taught at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. To the sorrow of so many across the globe, Mgr. Edwards died earlier this month.

“Since the Spirit is divine love in Person, he (she) is, first of all, the source of creation, for creation is the overflow of God’s love and a participation in God’s being. The Holy Spirit is the internal (in God) presupposition of communicability of God outside of his (her)self. But the Spirit is also the source of movement and life in the created world. Whenever something new arises, whenever life is awakened and reality reaches, ecstatically beyond itself, in all seeking and striving, in every ferment and birth, and even more in the beauty of creation, something of the being and activity of God’s Spirit is manifested.”

‘For your Immortal Spirit is in All Things: The Role of the Spirit in Creation’ Denis Edwards  
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Reflections from the funeral homily for Mgr. Denis Edwards: “ ... All these moments have revealed the lines of love that run between us all, which we do not always see ... lines of love that vary in intensity and colour, but that bind us to every human person and to all creation. They run even deeper, back 13.8 billion years to the beginning of creation, and further still, to the Divine Communion of love from which everything springs.

“They run forward too, waving us into a future more glorious that we can conceive, returning us, with all creation, to the great Divine Communion that is our faultless future.

“We can do no better than to nurture the lines of love between us, to safeguard them tenderly, those lines that reach out between us to every human person in creation, to every wallaby and whale, to every cockatoo and eucalypt, toward the bright eternal future of Divine Communion.”

*Father Philip Marshall, March 12, 2019*

Mgr. Denis, may you be basking in the light of those lines of love that guided you into the Divine Communion.

