

St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint of ecology, is perhaps the most popular saint of all time. His universal appeal lies in his simplicity of heart, his dedication to the following of Christ, his love of the poor and his fellowship with all creatures. Francis provides an example of engaged spirituality.

### What does it mean to follow Saint Francis in these troubled times?

*Care for Creation* workshops and retreats offer groups an opportunity to explore classic themes in the Franciscan tradition as resources for anyone seeking inspiration for environmental protection.

- ✠ CREATION & INCARNATION
- ✠ COMMUNITY
- ✠ CONTEMPLATION
- ✠ CONVERSION

Based on the newly released book, *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth*, these workshops help **foster ecological consciousness** and the **love and compassion necessary** to sustain us during a time of suffering and struggle on behalf of creation.

Each workshop or retreat will address critical environmental issues, Franciscan theology, and reflective action resources. Participants will be offered practical, hands-on ideas for how to integrate ecological and theological insights from the book into one's daily life to nurture a Franciscan spirituality of the Earth.

Explore the wisdom and resources of the book *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth* as we build community with each other and creation at the beautiful Oregon Coast

## Nestucca Sanctuary

Nestucca Sanctuary is a part of the Oregon Coast about 95 miles SW of Portland. It is a Jesuit community that has been made available as a living Sanctuary, to help people deepen their relationship with God. Over 90 acres of wooded hills and walking trails grace this peninsula between the Little and Big Nestucca tidal rivers. It is a quiet place dominated by the natural sounds of surf and sea birds. Deer and other wildlife abound. Nestucca Sanctuary is a portion of the earth-family in which all can actively participate. Retreatants live together for a time in this sacred place, as community with all of creation. The Sanctuary is a welcoming, ecological environment in which to undertake a retreat in harmony with Earth's ways. To learn more, visit: [www.nwjesuits.org/HowWeServe/Nestucca](http://www.nwjesuits.org/HowWeServe/Nestucca)



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A weekend retreat at beautiful  
**Nestucca Sanctuary**  
near Pacific City, Oregon

**June 20-22, 2008**

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The ecology-theology-reflective action format of this retreat will provide rich opportunities for integrating the principles of ecology and theology through a whole-person faith formation process, both on an individual level and communal level, learning ways to engage within your faith community and the larger society. Together, we will explore the following classic Franciscan themes:

## CREATION & INCARNATION

- Creation: The home for the Incarnation
- Finding God in the cloister of creation: Touching, tasting, seeing Earth anew
- *“Go rebuild my oikos”*: Creation as the house of God
- Francis: The first deep ecologist
- Ecological self: Identity in God

## COMMUNITY

- Canticle of the Creatures: Our diverse earth community
- The Canticle, the mystery of the Trinity
- Creation as family: Ethical approaches to our biodiversity crisis
- Called to right relationship: Listening to the voice of our brother/sister beings

- Ecological sin: A Franciscan ecological examination of conscience
- Contemplative and compassionate living: Responding creatively to our environmental crises

## CONTEMPLATION

- Look with seeing eyes: Understanding global climate change
- Knowledge is not enough: Hearts on fire
- Contemplating our crucified Earth
- Grief and despair: Examining the barriers to ecological conversion
- Honoring the pain: Breathing through with Spirit
- Sustainability: Meeting our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs

## CONVERSION

- Sustainability and Solidarity: Examining our “fair earthshare” and reducing our footprint on creation
- The spirituality of conversion: Turning towards earth
- Eco-penance: Conversion in action
- Strength in our Cloud of Witnesses
- The work of human hands: A faith-filled sustainability revolution

### Retreat Cost:

We will gather over a potluck dinner on Friday evening between 5:30-7:30pm. Retreat begins Friday at 7:30pm and ends at 1pm on Sunday. Cost includes two nights lodging and 5 meals.

- \$150 Early registration fee ( paid by 5/20)
- \$175 Registration after 5/20/08

Limited pscholarships available.

### Registration Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging:** There are cabins which sleep 3-6 people (no attached bathroom) and single-occupancy rooms available (bathroom down the hall). You will be assigned a single room unless you indicate otherwise.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to share a cabin with \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals:** All meals will be vegetarian. If you have other special dietary needs, please indicate them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:** It takes about 2 ½ hours to drive to Nestucca. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

\_\_\_\_\_ I need a ride, and can leave by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can drive, and have room for \_\_\_\_\_ passengers. I will be leaving Portland at \_\_\_\_\_.