

Holy Ground, Sacred Agriculture A Retreat for Gardeners

In the *Unsettling of America: Culture And Agriculture* Wendell Berry writes, "The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life." During this retreat, we will enter the sanctuary of the soil together to explore sacred agriculture. We will put sacramental theology, as articulated by Pope Francis, the United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops, and others, in conversation with the work of Wendell Berry and Annie Dillard as we engage relational or systems thinking through the themes of soil, roots, and mycorrhiza to uncover the Body of Christ in fresh, new ways. And we will do some nature writing ourselves as we reflect deeply upon our relationship with God and Creation through gardening. Please wear casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes.



Presenter: Emily A. DeMoor, Ph.D.
Where: Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.
Date: Saturday, April 7th, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.-----3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$30.00 includes Meal and Program.

Pre-registration required.
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