

## DVD Content

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Content viewable on a DVD player:

- Introduction Speech - 6.00 min
- Presentation 1 *Our Need for Creation Spirituality* - 9.5 min
- Presentation 2 *Dualism / Interconnectedness* - 11.8 min
- Presentation 3 *Relationships / Creator Spirit* - 15.4 min
- Presentation 4 *Conversion/Contemplation /Prophecy* - 14.5 min

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- Introduction for Presenters (pdf)
- Introduction Speech (PowerPoint Slide show or Movie)
- Presentations 1-4 as per above (PowerPoint Slide show or Movie)
- Parish Response (pdf)
- Reflection Questions (PowerPoint Slide show + pdf)
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- Prayer Card (pdf)



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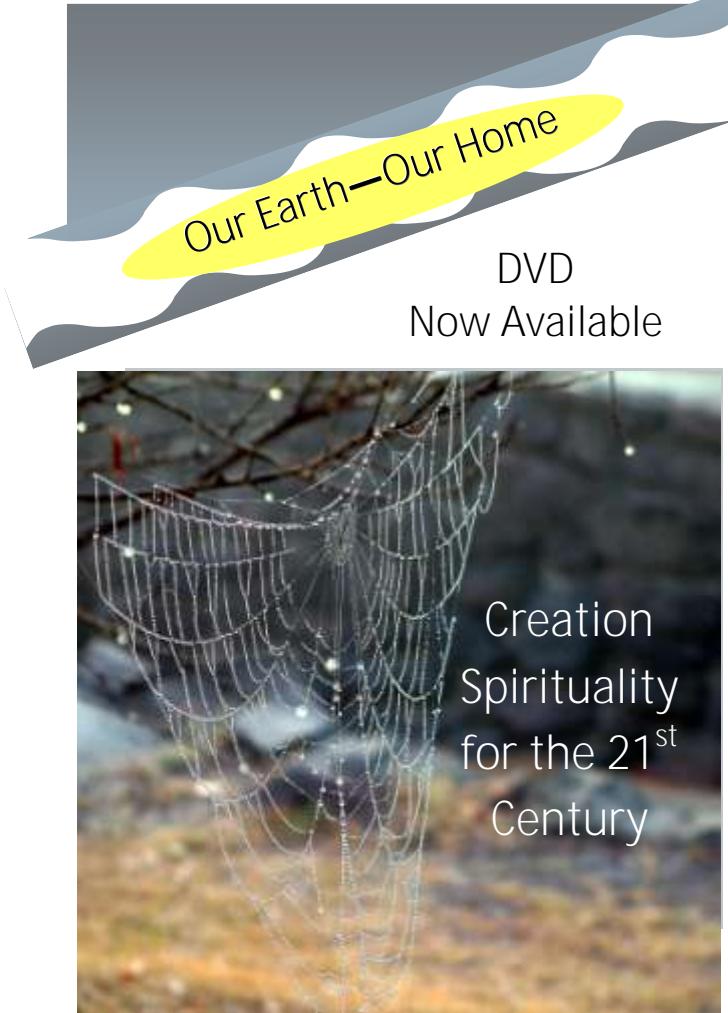
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Based on Elizabeth Johnson's lecture:

**"Women, Earth and Creator Spirit"**

All diverse strands in the web of life are expressions of the creative power of the cosmos which is ultimately empowered by the Creator Spirit. The enormous diversity of species itself points to the inexhaustible richness of the Creator, whose imaginative goodness these species represent. (P 39)



## ► How the DVD can be used ◀

Initially the four PowerPoint presentations were created as an Advent reflection in a parish setting. This had been so positively received that we decided to make it more widely available by producing a DVD. To complete the project we added further resources to assist those wishing to present in groups.

The following suggestions for use are meant as a guide only:

- \* As homily/reflections during a liturgical season such as Advent or Lent
- \* As a starting-point for group discussions
- \* **As a resource for secondary schools' RE programs and within JPIC groups**
- \* As a basis for personal reflection and **development of one's own spirituality with its roots in our Christian tradition.**

Whatever way you choose to use this resource, we hope that the DVD will supply food for thought and inspiration for action to all people of good will.



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*May God's Spirit poured into the human heart make the sentiments of justice and care for creation take root in you who is called to be a prophet of the modern era.*

*Amen*

## ► What is Creation Spirituality? ◀

Creation spirituality reminds us that all creation is sacred. All that exists has emerged as an expression of God's word. The entire **cosmos bears the design of God's Wisdom. Everything everywhere has been touched by God, the Creator** (see Isaiah 6:3).

Not only is the Earth spiritual – filled with divine presence – but our Earth has a hidden impulse to reveal that presence to those willing to see, hear, feel, or discern it. If our spirit becomes sensitive to this **Earth as God's sanctuary, we can become conscious of God's glory in every single aspect of creation.** Earth is a sanctuary where the sacredness of all life is to be revered.

Made in the image and likeness of God, humans are in a **unique position to respond to God's Spirit with a profound understanding of what it means to be linked to all that God has brought into being.** All species have their purpose – all are meant to live in communion in a world where the aspiration of each one is to help bring fulfilment to the other. We are not here on this Earth to obtain what we can from it and from one another. Rather, we are here to enjoy all the earth has to offer, sharing that joy equally and **only taking from the earth what is necessary for one's survival.** The latter is the result of having a religious spirit that converts us to the earth; something this earth is in desperate need of.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! God of cosmic powers!  
Planet Earth is filled with your glory!**

