

# Prophets of our Time

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### WEEK 6: EVOLVING CONSCIOUSNESS – OUR COMMON HOME



**BIODIVERSITY:**  
*Symphony of love and  
flourishing life under threat*

The spirituality of creation is an inclusive spirituality whereby everything is imbued with the spirit of God.  
*“The fullness of joy is to behold God in all things.”*  
(Julian of Norwich)

#### NELLIE’S KEY MESSAGE: *‘Change the Story: From Separation to Interconnectedness’*

The air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and the sunlight that sustains us, humans and all beings, ultimately rely on BIODIVERSITY which is increasingly vulnerable to human interference. Ours is a planet of abundance, not scarcity, whose resources are finite, requiring responsible stewardship. *“What we do with our hearts affects the whole Universe”* (Carmel of Reno)

Convinced that WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, we must act without delay in reducing our carbon footprint. Let us unite in efforts to cease human drilling, fracking, mining and plundering of our beautiful home and the uprooting, trafficking and oppression of its inhabitants. Let us support the concerted efforts of our children against climate change, fossil fuels, clogged oceans, toxic waste and injustices of every kind so that we and all beings will feel more at home in our Common Home.

The SACREDNESS OF LIFE, God’s creative energy gushing forth in our evolving universe, challenges us to a new awareness. *‘It’s all a question of story’* says Thomas Berry. The old story of our separation from the natural world is no longer effective and we are only beginning to awaken to our rightful place in the family of creation.

The CONVERSION we seek *‘entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion.’* (Laudato Si 220)

## CALL TO CHANGE: LENT 2019

#### RESOURCES:

YouTube Thomas Berry’s 80th Birthday Celebration - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhMoSJJ8cf0>

Green Sod Ireland (An Foidín Glas) - [www.greensodireland.ie](http://www.greensodireland.ie)

