

“A World That Sings God’s Praises”

During this weekend conference we will probe deeply into what it means to be stewards of God’s riches bestowed on us in abundance. We will ponder too what it means to become earth shapers — artisans.

Are we called to be stewards and artisans of the environment?

“We have the privilege in Christ not merely to preserve what has been given to us but also to enhance it.”

— Fr. Robert Brungs, SJ

Has environmentalism become a surrogate religion? Are there Environmentalist “doctrines” that are incompatible or compatible with Jewish and Christian doctrines? What obligation does the Jewish and Christian moral tradition impose with regard to the environment?

“The earth should be richer, more beautiful, more oriented to its Creator because we have given it our care and our love.”

— Fr. Robert Brungs, SJ

Most environmental issues and doctrines are neither clearly required nor clearly forbidden. This conference will consider finding a place within our faith for environmental issues and concerns vital to our human loving and living in the community of the 21st century.



THE NATIONAL
SHRINE
OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
MISSIONARY OBLATES
OF MARY IMMACULATE

Conference Location:

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois
(Located 7 miles - 20 minutes east of downtown St. Louis)

Accommodations:

We have 25 single rooms and 10 double rooms available for conference attendees.

The rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Hotel Check-in: Friday, October 23rd

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Conference Registration: In the hotel lobby

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Conference Opening:

Friday, October 23rd - 7:30 pm

Conference Closing:

Sunday, October 25th - Noon

Conference Cost: See registration form

Meals:

Complimentary continental breakfast is included: Fresh fruit, coffee, juices, cereals, and pastries at the hotel

All other meals are on your own.

The Shrine Restaurant, is open daily from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm for lunch and dinner. It offers a wide variety of food selections for people of all ages.

Transportation Info:

Will be mailed in your registration packet.
Served by Lambert -St. Louis International Airport
(One hour/27 miles to the Shrine)

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2009 Conference

Environmental
Stewardship
in the
Judeo-Christian
Tradition.



“Is God so miserly that he created a universe of shortage? There is no shortage of God’s gifts; the shortage is in our imagination.”

— Fr. Robert Brungs, SJ

October 23 - 25, 2009

Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center
Belleville, Illinois

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Conference Essayists

Benjamin F. Abell

Benjamin F. Abell has been professor of meteorology in the department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at St. Louis University since 1962. He earned his BS from St Louis University in 1960, continuing with his MS in meteorology and statistics in 1965. His primary research areas are severe local storms, climate change, tropical cyclones and weather forecasting while his primary teaching areas are climate and humankind in history, mesoscale analysis and severe storms. He served as a volunteer broadcast meteorologist for radio station KWMU-FM from 1972 to 2007. Upon his retirement from KWMU-FM, as a reward for his outstanding service, he was inducted into the St Louis Radio Hall of Fame.

Rabbi Michael Alper

Rabbi Michael Alper, of Temple Israel in St Louis, is presently interim director of education at Central Reform Congregation. Born in Los Angeles Alper has lived most recently in New York where he met his future wife, Amy Feder, also a Rabbi, while they were attending Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Alper has worked on a teen tour with the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, a project for the Union of Reform Judaism. Under Alper's leadership the camp traveled throughout the Midwest and participated in community service projects at different synagogues.

Paul Driessen

Paul Driessen is a senior fellow with the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow and Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise, nonprofit public policy institutes that focus on energy, the environment, economic development and international affairs. Dr. Driessen has a BA in geology and field ecology from Lawrence University and a JD from the University of Denver College of Law. His book, *Eco-Imperialism: Green Power, Black Death* is a hard hitting indictment of the ideological elite sector of the environmental movement seeking to impose its views on billions of poor in developing countries around the world.

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E. Calvin Beisner

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D., is national spokesman for the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, a coalition of theologians, pastors, scientists, and economists, and lay leaders committed to bringing Biblical world view, theology and ethics — together with outstanding science and economics — to address simultaneously the challenges of environmental stewardship and economic development for the very poor. Author of over ten books, among them, *Environmental Stewardship in the Judeo-Christian Tradition*, and a frequent guest on talk shows, Beisner has served as associate professor of historical theology and social ethics at Knox Theological Seminary, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and associate professor of interdisciplinary studies at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia. Further, he has testified before Congress on environmental issues and has addressed the Pontifical Institute on Justice and Peace at the Vatican.

Elizabeth Michael Boyle, O.P.

Sister Elizabeth Michael Boyle, O.P., a recently retired Professor of English at Caldwell College in Caldwell, New Jersey, earned her MA from the Catholic University of America and her PhD from Drew University. In her book, *Science as Sacred Metaphor: An Evolving Revelation*, Sister Boyle creates a sacred space at the intersection where science and faith meet. In her earlier award-winning book, *Preaching the Poetry of the Gospels: A Lyric Companion to the Lectionary*, Boyle shows that all four Gospels can be read with understanding when they are interpreted as narrative poetry. A member of the Academy of American Poets, she lectures widely on convergent perspectives in science, theology, and the arts.

ITEST Conference Registration Form October 23 - 25, 2009

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Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City - State - Zip _____

Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Conference Fees:

- ITEST Member - \$225.00
- Non-member - \$250.00
- Student - \$135.00

Conference fee includes: admission to all proceedings; essayists pre-papers; continental breakfast Saturday & Sunday morning; 2 nights lodging at the Shrine Hotel; and a book of edited proceedings post conference.

Payment:

- Check Enclosed - Payable to: ITEST



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