



RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

T R E E S

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that expresses the belief that for a man to attain immortality he must father a son, write a book, and plant a tree. That is not such a great challenge when compared with the words of Jesus—"Come follow me".

Wendell Berry in his search for Inner Peace concludes that " As I go among the trees and sit still, all my stirring becomes quiet..."

A British Columbia scientist, Dr. Suzanne Simard, presented in convincing detail that through an elaborate system of roots, electrons, and chemical exchanges, trees do talk with one another, and often over great distances. Imagine that!

And who was it that felt that if trees could scream no man would ever sleep again? If there is truth in that statement no one would want to be near the Amazon Rain forest as it is systematically cut and burned to the ground.

David George Haskell offers his views that trees do sing. Say What!

By use of sophisticated electronic gadgetry Haskell recorded the sounds trees makes as the stomata on the leaves open and close to release oxygen, take in carbon dioxide, and promote passage of water and nutrients from roots to leaves. By varying the acoustical playback speed of recordings he was astounded by the **SONG OF THE TREES**.

We have trees here at Resurrection University Catholic Parish. A few. They are planted to block views, quiet noise, direct traffic, and oblige order and discipline. They don't do much to foster reflection on eco-spirituality and recognizing the wonderful gifts from God. John Engle penned a poem in Nature Magazine decades past about trees such as ours:

***"Among things that arouse my pity
are trees that grow within a city.
The city dwellers seem to know
exactly how a tree should grow.
His trees must bow unto the law..."***

Thought For The Day

**" I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.....Poems are made by
fools like me, but only God can make a tree."**

Joyce Kilmer

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST COMING SOON

Resurrection University Catholic Parish Land Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a photo contest in the near future. Digital or print, any size from 4x6 to 8x10 will be accepted. There will be two classes: 8 years to 12 years, and 13 years to 20 years old. The cut off will be 20 years. All contestants must submit their picture interpreting the following passage from Sacred Scripture:



God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind,
and the cattle of every kind,
and everything that creeps upon the ground
of every kind. And God saw that it was good

- Genesis 1, 25

So, put your thinking caps on, clean your equipment, get creative and go for it. Prizes will be awarded for originality, composition, technical accuracy (balanced to the age), and interpretation. Finalists will be asked one question: Why would God see it as good? Pictures must be captured in Gallatin County and can be color or black and white. Judging will be by a staff member of Bozeman Camera Repair shop and the answer to the question will be assessed by the staff of Religious Education of Resurrection University Catholic Parish .

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Resurrection University Catholic Parish Land Stewardship Committee (LSC) is looking for parishioners for volunteer work on the LSC.

Nothing outstanding; just simple folk that like nature, want to become involved, have some spare time and want a parish commitment that has clear goals, short term time demands (as in one year) and want to work with others of similar intent. Librarian skills, botanical skills are helpful as are writing, photography, bird watching, planting, art work and caring for flower beds. It is basically spirituality from the ground up. Old, young, men or women, singles or couples—makes no difference. Grant writers are especially needed as are bilingual speakers. MSU students are greatly welcomed.

To seal the deal, parishioners are invited to become part of the LSC process. The LSC believes that we are all part of a learning and teaching church. So please, come teach as well as learn!

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