



Still Point is our new quarterly e-publication that will introduce a range of spiritual topics in the months to come. A companion reflection video is available on our [website](#). This inaugural issue is centered on [Laudato Si](#) and the related concepts of Ecological Spirituality and Integral Ecology. As Pope Francis states:

***“The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion . . .” [LS 217]***

As we navigate the accelerating climate emergency, we have also found ourselves mired in the emotions and groundlessness of the Pandemic – which shows few signs of retreating. A thread running through both challenges is the sustenance and new-found appreciation we have found in the natural world – something as simple as an evening walk took on new meaning. The stars in the night sky and birdsong over morning coffee came into awareness. There was a pause in our routines that allowed a turning away from old ways of being, that no longer served.

The pandemic has been difficult, but it has also created a space for the new to emerge. That too is the invitation contained in [Laudato Si](#) . . . to remain open to the opportunity in the midst of the chaos, hopeful in the heartache, connected across the distance, rooted in God above all else.

Through these past eighteen months, we have deeply missed hosting you for programs and retreats. This loss has brought sadness and disappointment – but it has also challenged us to find new ways to be with you and support your spiritual journeys from a distance.

When introducing the then new Tau Center Ministry in 2010, Sr Jane Madejczyk, OSF wrote:

***“Tau Center signs the work we do as belonging to the heart, not to a specific place; wherever the mission of Tau Center is carried out, there is the Center. Location is not as important by far as the service and the growth.”***

So, while we remain closed to in-person offerings, the heart of Tau Center is still radiating out into the world. And we continue to carry the mission of our Ministry through you and for you.

Blessings,

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