

Preparation for Provincial Meeting Part 4

For background on Thomas Berry

This installment (Part 4) will cover the question – What is Thomas Berry’s contribution? Thomas Berry, C.P., PhD (1914 – 2009), is considered one of the most eminent cultural historians of our time. He was among of the first religious leaders to suggest that Earth’s ecological crisis was primarily a spiritual crisis. Thomas laid out a plan on how humans can move from being a disrupting force on the Earth to being a blessing. This transition is what he called the Great Work of our time. Understanding his insights and exploring the principles of the Great Work can enrich our conversation.

Start Here:

Watch this 15 minute tribute to Thomas Berry, an inspiration for Ladauto Si and the Story of the Universe film.

“Thomas Berry - A Passionist Tribute.” In this recording, Stephen Dunn CP narrates a 15 minute tribute to the life and work of Thomas Berry. <http://thomasberry.org/publications-and-media/thomas-berry-a-passionist-tribute>

Thomas Berry The Great Work: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, presentation to Parliament of the World's Religions 2009 10 minutes. https://youtu.be/112-usobl_E Melbourne, Australia

“Thomas Berry: Reflections on His Life and Thought” by John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker. Teilhard Studies Number 61, Fall 2010. Posted on thomasberry.org: <http://thomasberry.org/life-and-thought/about-thomas-berry/introduction>

If you want to go deeper:

Go to the Thomas Berry thomasberry.org

View his lecture, The Twelve Principles and others of your choice

<http://thomasberry.org/publications-and-media/thomas-berry-the-twelve-principles>

In this lecture from 1984 Thomas sketches out "Twelve Principles for Understanding the Universe and the Role of the Human in the Universe Process", which, in their scope, touch on many of the foundational ideas central to his thinking and life work.