



# Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

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## DAY OF REFLECTION November 21st, 2022

with

**Fr. John McCarthy, SJ**

**They Hummed of Mystery:  
A Contemplative Ecology**

### Schedule for the Day:

- 9:00** Registration - coffee & muffins
- 9:30** Welcome & Session # 1 in Chapel
- 10:30** Private prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00** Reconciliation Service. Private prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12:30** Lunch in our Dining Room
- 1:45** Session # 2 in Chapel
- 2:30** Mass. Depart. You are welcome to stay longer for private prayer, reflection and enjoy our grounds.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* (2015), uses the wisdom language of the Christian Trinity to attempt a "re-enchantment" of the natural world. The doctrine of the Trinity suggests a provocative language that invites one to engage the profound mystery and depth of creation. The Trinitarian mystery can instill a spirit of awe, wonder, contemplation, reverence and praise before the word and the beauty of God in all creation. We will explore this deep well of meaning and mystery that we call creation or nature. From this well may flow a contemplative ecology that grounds a deep-rooted care for our common home and a call to rebuild, restore, and renew together so that all things may be made new.

Suggested Offering: **\$ 50.00** per person

Includes lunch and coffee/tea break.

Register online at: <https://manresa-canada.ca/events/> OR email: [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca)



**This special Day of Reflection will be facilitated by  
Fr. John McCarthy, SJ.**

Scientist and Jesuit priest John McCarthy, SJ, is the author of **Do Monkeys Go to Heaven? Finding God in All Creation** (Novalis 2015) and **Do Monkeys Go to Heaven 2.0: More Reflections on Finding God in All Creation** (Novalis 2017). Fr. McCarthy joined the Society of Jesus in 1983 and holds advanced degrees in Theology. He also holds a PhD in Boreal Forest Ecology, a Masters in Soil Science and a BSc in Forest Tree Biology. He regularly speaks about Christian faith and ecology and publishes on lichenology as well as ecological theology and spirituality. He currently works as "visiting scholar" at the herbarium, Department of Biology, Laurentian University.