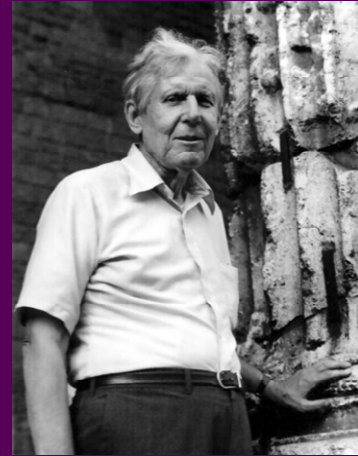
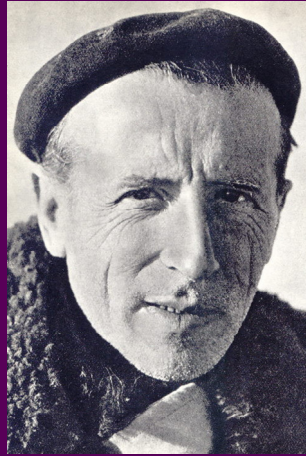


Mystics, Visionaries & Prophets: Hildegard, Teilhard & Thomas Berry



Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, AB

A day with Hildegard - March 29th 9am- 4pm Cost: \$79

A weekend with Teilhard and Thomas Berry – March 30 - April 1
begins Friday evening at 7pm, ends Sunday at 4pm Cost: \$249 live-in \$185 commuter

Come for one or both retreats. Come reflect on the life and wisdom of three mystics within the Christian tradition – Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179), Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881–1955) and Thomas Berry (1914–2009). These mystics celebrated the cosmos and earth as numinous or "*afire with Spirit*" (as Hildegard expressed).

Hildegard, 12th century visionary Benedictine nun, healer, and hymnodist of the Rhineland, taught that the elemental communion of cosmic life depended upon humanity becoming wise with and to the ways of the earth. For Hildegard, to pursue Wisdom was to become 'earth literate.' Come for the day or continue for the weekend.

Finding divine love to be sunk even into the very "nature" of cosmos, Teilhard, a 20th century paleontologist and French Jesuit, challenged humanity to assume the full responsibility of our evolutionary emergent human consciousness. Our contemporary mystic Thomas Berry, a Passionist monk, scholar of world religions and cultures, an inspiration to perhaps millions in the last three decades, challenged us to face the irony that our contemporary commitment to 'progress' has actually depleted basic life systems. Thomas frames this as a crisis of spiritual vision. We have lost the sense of the sacred revealed in and through nature. He calls us to reclaim this deep reverence.

The retreats weave a balance of daily conference (often with imagery), prayer together (outdoors as weather permits), silence, reflective readings, optional creative expression and listening circle, agape ritual. It is the intention to highlight Lenten and Easter themes within the mysticism of these three great ones of our tradition.



About the Retreat Guide:

Maureen Wild, SC, M.Ed., is a lecturer, teacher and retreat guide whose graduate studies ('93 Boston) and primary ministry focus for two decades has been on themes of *Sacred Ecology*. She served as Director of two spiritual-based ecological learning centres (US and Canada) and is currently developing Pax Gaia Educational and Retreat Initiatives. www.paxgaia.ca Sister Maureen is one of the Catholic Sisters featured in the book *Green Sisters: A Spiritual Ecology*, Harvard University Press, 2007. She lives on the west coast of BC.

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