

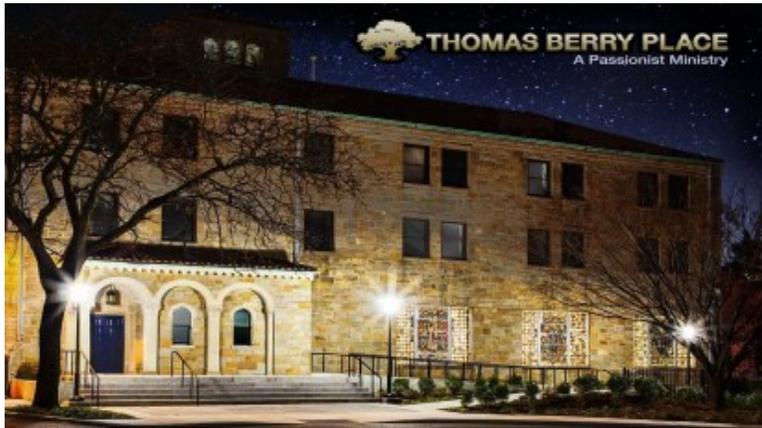
July 2022

Passionist News Notes

St Paul of the Cross Province



Thomas Berry Place opens in Jamaica, NY



The Vision

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You will notice that the name of our retreat house has changed from Bishop Molloy to Thomas Berry Place. Fr. Thomas Berry, C.P. (1914-2009) was a Passionist scholar and great thinker in the area of ecology and sustainability of the earth as a home to be shared with all people. Berry spent his life raising greater awareness to see the earth as a home to care for and not a product for human consumption. Berry’ work was a foundation for our Catholic-Christian understanding of ecology in Pope Francis’ encyclical letter “Laudato Si: on the Care of our Common Home.”

As Passionists, our pride in Thomas Berry as one of our own is calling us to move beyond admiration to putting his vision into practice. His own training and formation gave Berry a foundation of prayer, solitude and a special gift of remembering the passion of Jesus by focusing on an area of the passion that was largely neglected: the crucified earth, our common home that was not being treated with dignity and life giving care. Both Thomas Berry and St. Paul of the Cross’ foundational principles for his community have invited us to go back to our roots as we plan to minister and share our life with you in this new venture of Thomas Berry Place.

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| July | Birthday |
|------|--------------------|
| 5 | DAUGHERTY, Patrick |
| 7 | RYWALT, Lawrence |
| 14 | MATHIEU, André |
| 19 | YOUNGBERG, Vincent |
| 22 | WIERICHS, Paul |

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Tom Berry Place



From L to R: Trace Mabane-Reconnect, Ramiro Agredo-Reconnect Exec Director , Frances Halsband-Kliment Halsband Architects, Fr. Jim O'Shea, CP, Efrain Hernandez-Reconnect, Edwin LaChappelle-Reconnect, Joseph Geraci-, Director of Development & Mission Fulfillment

Grand Opening and Thank You Dinner



Some Pictures of Tom Berry Place

Finished Construction of Lobby



Common Room

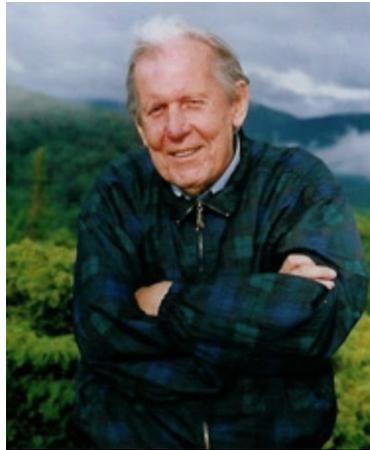


Living Wall

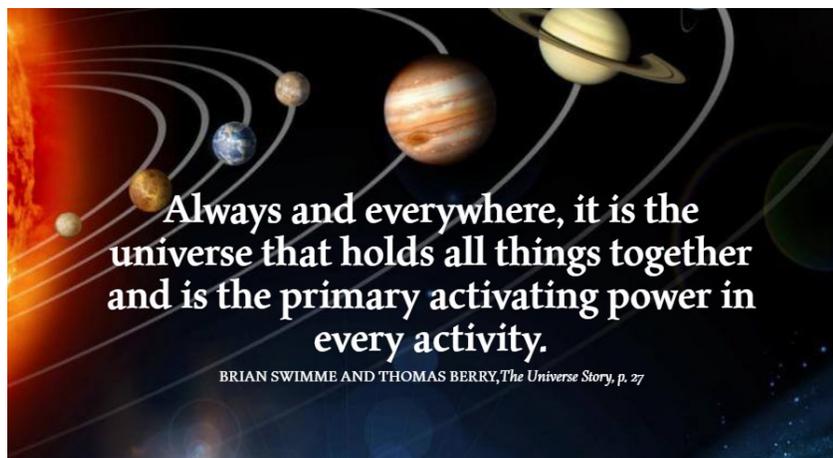
Thomas Berry Place Organic Garden Construction - Passionist Students & Reconnect



To find out more about Fr. Thomas Berry, C.P.



Thomas Berry was **one of the twentieth century's most prescient and profound thinkers**. As a cultural historian, he sought a broader perspective on humanity's relationship to the earth in order to respond to the ecological and social challenges of our times.



[An Overview](#)

[Website](#)

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The Pope's call for Laudato Si and the Passionist's response of Passion of the Earth, Wisdom of the Cross

In May 2020, Pope Francis put forth a call for religious congregations to embark on a seven year journey toward total sustainability in the spirit of Laudato Si' and create an action platform measured by:

VIDEO

1. Responding to the Cry of the Earth
2. Responding to the Cry of the Poor
3. Building Ecological Economies – ethical consumption and investments
4. Adopting Simple Lifestyles – sobriety in use of Earth's resources and energy
5. Creating Ecological Education – ongoing formation
6. Recovering an Ecological Spirituality – reawaken to a religious vision of God's creation
7. Promoting Community Action and Advocacy – systemic change .

WEBSITE

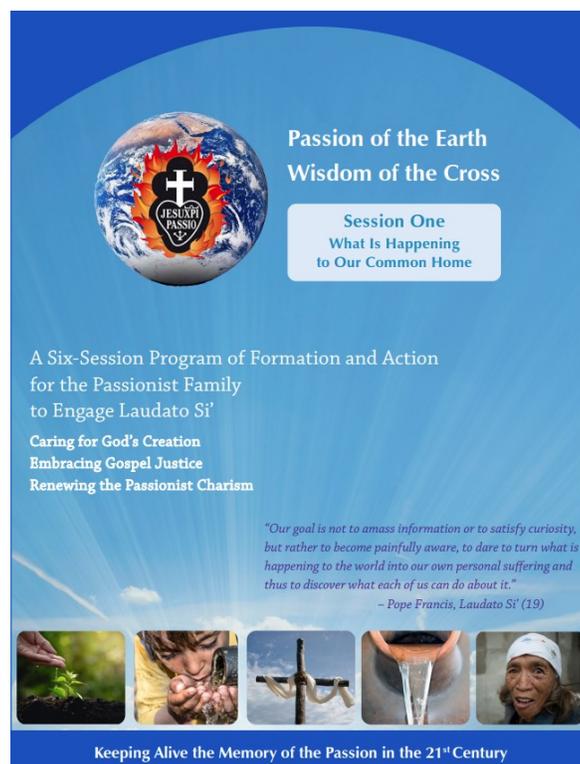
The Passion of the Earth, Wisdom of the Cross is a six-session program of formation and action for the Passionist family to engage Laudato Si' and create a Laudato Si' action platform.

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Session 2 [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Session 3 [English](#) [Spanish](#)



**Passion of the Earth
Wisdom of the Cross**

Session One
What Is Happening
to Our Common Home

A Six-Session Program of Formation and Action
for the Passionist Family
to Engage Laudato Si'

Caring for God's Creation
Embracing Gospel Justice
Renewing the Passionist Charism

*"Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity,
but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is
happening to the world into our own personal suffering and
thus to discover what each of us can do about it."
– Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (19)*

Keeping Alive the Memory of the Passion in the 21st Century

The Annual Novena in Honor of St Ann in Scranton PA

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St. Ann's Monastery and Shrine Basilica

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Solemn Novena 2022

Solemn Novena in Honor of St. Ann July 17th to July 26th

Novena Preachers:

Fr. Rick Frechette, C.P., D.O. & Fr. Paul Fagan, C.P.

Weather Permitting: 8 A.M., 5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M. Masses & Novena services are held outdoors.

Novena Devotions

After: 8:00 A.M. & 11:45 A.M. Masses

After: 5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M. Masses

And at 3:30 P.M. (Novena Only)

Daily Masses

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M. & 11:45 A.M.

5:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Mass & Novena Schedule

Mon. Mass/Novena Devotions

8:00 AM, 12:00 NOON
3:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Tuesday – Friday

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM

Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Thousands of visitors are expected to attend. A typical novena service includes celebration of the Eucharist, prayers to Saint Ann and hymns. St. Ann's is one of only 60 churches in the U.S. granted basilican status. In the Catholic faith, a basilica is a church building that has been accorded special privileges by the Pope. Minor basilicas, such as St. Ann's, are traditionally named because of their antiquity, dignity, historical value, architectural and artistic worth and significance as centers of worship. A basilica must "stand out as a center of active and pastoral liturgy," according to a 1989 Vatican document.

The Solemn Novena to Saint Ann in Scranton dates back over 90 years. It is an experience of faith for all generations; families gather together to pay tribute to Saint Ann. Many people in attendance also believe Saint Ann has watched over them in the past. The Novena allows all to pay their respects, show their gratitude and ask for blessings. Saint Ann's Basilica was founded by the Roman Catholic religious order known as Passionists over a century ago. They chose to settle in Scranton on a plateau above the city known as "The Round Woods." The Passionists chose this new home on the day of the Virgin Mary's birth and named it in honor of Saint Ann. Mass was celebrated for the first time at the monastery in 1904. Today, the church community has grown from a handful of devoted members to thousands. Call 570-347-5691. Visit stannsmonasterybasilica.org

