

*Leader: Globe and bowl of water needed for blessing  
Please distribute this sheet at reflection/sharing time*

## QUOTES for REFLECTION and SHARING

We need a spirituality and ethic that will empower us to live in the web of life as sustainers rather than destroyers. As Thomas Berry reminds us, we are part of the “great work” of our time. “That all may be one” includes courtesy to Earth.

--Pat Kelly  
Introduction to Fall 2002 CCR  
on Global Spirituality

The environment pushes evolutionary change, and evolutionary change occurs from species (including us). We need to look at ourselves as intimate to the environment and see that the new paradigm is seen in:

consciousness of others concerned about the environment  
movement of widespread holistic healing  
hunger for spirituality

Sustainability is part of morality. It is about the human spirit as well as a healthy universe.

--Dom Roberti  
Paradigm Shift  
St. Joseph University, 2004

*My name is Angela. I am twenty years old and one of ten children of a poor family in Latin America. When I learned of a chance to pursue my education while working in the home of a North American family, I convinced my parents that this would help our economic situation. I was excited to begin work and my studies. What I found in my new home was anything but what was promised. For three years, I slept on a mattress in the family's kitchen. I was not allowed out of the house. I worked seven days a week. I cooked, cleaned, cared for two infants and an elderly parent. Threats, verbal abuse, and intimidation were constant. I was paid thirty cents an hour.*

--Testimony of a Victim of Human Trafficking  
Modern Day Slavery in U.S.A.

The Russian dolls gave us a clear image of our growth in consciousness from survival to security to power and control to do, to see an order of things, to being successful, to growing in knowledge that there is a greater reality than just me. We take a leap of knowing that it is about we. Everything is in process, connected and interconnected. All levels rest within the state we are now in. We are called to engage in the larger venue of life, not just Philadelphia Sisters of Saint Joseph, but North Atlantic Region, Federation, International, etc., to engage in the public life of our city, state, country, world. Are we willing and ready to take the next step? Anything less than this is not worthy of our energy.

Remember Maxim 84: Never go ahead of grace . . .

--Carol Zinn  
Presentation for Fall 2006 CCR

We are part of the sustainability revolution.

--Joan Carey  
Spring CCR 2007 Response

Spiritual practices that are in harmony with our place in the Earth community are natural for us, if we take the time to observe our actions and to examine them in light of their effect not only on our human sisters and brothers but of all creation.

--Jackie Griffith  
Spring CCR 2007 Response

### ***Questions for Reflection and Sharing:***

*--In my reflections on the life of one who is presently surviving in a situation of "modern day slavery" or "human trafficking," what am I called to do in response? Is there a communal response we could make as a local community?*

*-- Earth is calling as never before. How am I/we responding as part of a consciousness of our interconnectedness? How do I experience my involvement in the "sustainability revolution?"*