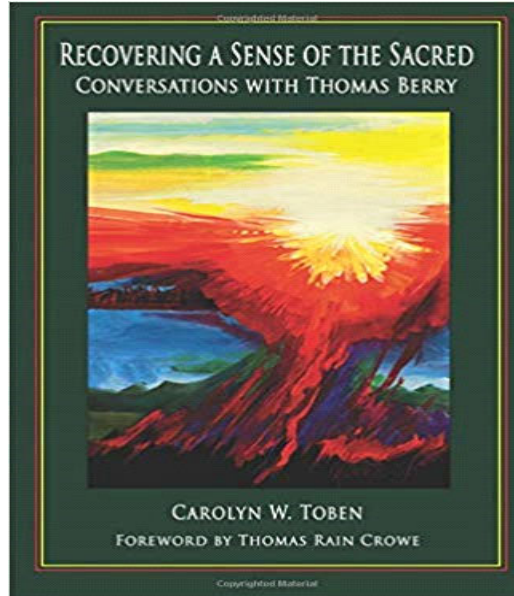


Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: A Series for Women



Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry is a thoughtful and poignant memoir by Carolyn W. Toben recounting her spiritual journey with renowned scholar, author and cultural historian, Thomas Berry. For 10 years, Carolyn spent many hours in deep discussions with Thomas Berry about his transformational thinking for healing the human-earth relationship through recovery of a sense of the sacred. The book is based on her personal notes, practices & reflections from these conversations.

Shelby will supply the books each week. No need to prepare in advance. If you want your own, the book is available on amazon.com for about \$15. Each week's program can be enjoyed independently and requires neither previous nor subsequent attendance. So, come each week or once in awhile.

We've incorporated some immersive experiences that offer a direct experience in nature. Note: these require some cost and a separate registration. You may also bring a friend....male or female...on these special occasions!

Shelby Boblick will lead the reflections. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will take place in the gathering area of St. Catherine – St. Lucy Catholic Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL, which is accessible to those with mobility challenges. Assistive listening devices are available.

Unless otherwise specified, we'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join at the time that suits you. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes. Questions? Call Shelby Boblick (630-240-2765) or St. Catherine-St. Lucy (708-386-8077).

Wed., May 1 8:15 am – 5 p.m. A Field Trip to Indiana Dunes - Register online for this visit to our nation's newest national park! Celebrate May Day in a leisurely way, with a walk in a dunes forest and a hike in a hidden bog left over from the glacier era. This program and transportation is offered by & from The Well Spirituality Center. Cost is \$35. Shelby will not be in attendance. <https://csjthewell.org/courses/indiana-dunes-field-trip/> Or, call Mary Fishman at 708-482-5048. Bring a friend!

Mon., May 13 The Human-Earth Relationship and A Sense of the Sacred

Mon., May 20 The Universe Story and Relationships

Mon., June 3 Relationships Continued and Recovering the Soul

Mon., June 10 The Hermitage & Intuition and Children of the 21st Century

Mon., June 17 9:30 am. Guided Forest Therapy Walk at Morton Arboretum

Register ASAP for 1 of the 12 spots. Class fills quickly. Carpools to/from will be set up. Let Shelby know you are registered. You'll experience what Mary Oliver described, "Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call out, "Stay awhile." No additional book discussion will take place that day. Register online at:

<https://registeronline.mortonarb.org/Adults/WellnessandGreenLiving/1Hour45MinuteForestTherapyWalks/tabid/2798/ctl/SearchResult/mid/3199/TourTypeId/0/ViewAllDate/0/Default.aspx?StartDate=4/6/2019%2012:00:00%20AM&EndDate=4/6/2020%2012:00:00%20AM>

Mon., June 24 Presence & Identity and Memories from the Later Years NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION!

On Mon., June 24, BOTH sessions of the "Recovering a Sense of the Sacred" discussion groups will meet outdoors in the back yard of:
7 Elizabeth Court, Oak Park, IL

Parking: Please park on Kenilworth Ave or on Forest Ave. and walk ½ block to 7 Elizabeth Court. Carpooling is encouraged.

Walk into the driveway and around to the back yard. Beverages will be served.

The back yard is handicapped accessible.

RAIN LOCATION: St. Catherine-St. Lucy church gathering area, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL (as usual)

Any questions or concerns, call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765

Mon., July 8 View the documentary Journey of the Universe. Discussion to follow.

Mon., July 15 Seeds of the Future and Within the Cathedral

Wed., July 24 7 – 8:30 p.m. Hear MARY EVELYN TUCKER and JOHN GRIM
speak at The Well Spirituality Center. Register online at <https://csjthewell.org/courses/mary-evelyn-tucker-john-grim-and-thomas-berry-a-biography/> Cost is \$20. They will discuss their new book, Thomas Berry: A Biography. Bring a friend! Carpools to/from will be set up. Let Shelby know you are registered & if you'd like to drive or need a ride.

Thomas Berry (1914-2009) was one of the 20th Century's most profound and forward-thinking "geologians", who sought to replace the modern alienation from nature with a sense of intimacy and responsibility. He urged humans to recognize their place on a planet with complex ecosystems in a vast evolving universe. Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim knew Thomas well as students, as his editors and literary executors. They have written this first biography of a great man, illuminating his remarkable vision and its continuing relevance for achieving transformative social change and environmental renewal. Ten years after Thomas' death, they speak to his humanity and his intellectual stature from personal experience.