

## Suggested Readings for Fall OSL Retreat Heaven and Earth Are Full of Your Glory

“When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for the land to survive.”

Aldo Leopold, from the Foreword to *A Sand County Almanac*

*This list is an invitation to the Order of Saint Luke as we move toward the retreat this fall (October 22-24, 2014). Understand that it is not meant to overwhelm. Start with something here that hooks your interest and move in more deeply over time. Some of these titles are online, some are easily available in print for a reasonable price. At least one is pretty pricey. But do get started and discover the expanding mystery of our place in the community of heaven and earth.*

The source of the retreat’s title:

“Heaven and Earth Are Full of Your Glory”—a joint Roman Catholic/United Methodist statement on the environment. Find it at [http://www.gccuic-umc.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=371&Itemid=1](http://www.gccuic-umc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=371&Itemid=1)

Br. Abbot Daniel suggests the following as background or “starter reading” in opening to the human-earth relationship.

“The Land Ethic” by Aldo Leopold. Find it in *A Sand County Almanac* or on line at <http://home.btconnect.com/tipiglen/landethic.html>. He recommends the whole volume, *A Sand County Almanac*—a classic by a classic naturalist.

The novels, essays and poetry of Wendell Berry, especially recommended *Leavings: Poems*.

Thomas Berry, *The Sacred Universe* (especially chapters 5, 9, 10, 12)

Thomas Berry, *The Christian Future and the Fate of Earth* (especially chapters 2, 5, 7, 10 and Appendix)

Susan Muto, our presenter offered these suggestions as preparation for the retreat.

*The Soul’s Journey into God* by St. Bonaventure (Classics of Western Spirituality, Paulist Press).

*Foundations of Christian Formation* by Susan Muto and Adrian van Kaam (Volume One in our Formation Theology Series).

Pope Francis’ Homily in Assisi on October 4, 2013. It points in a beautiful way to the Franciscan appreciation of creation. Online at

<http://catholicyearoffaith.wordpress.com/2013/10/06/homily-of-pope-francis-mass-on-the-feast-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>

Getting to know our presenter, Susan Muto. For a formal vita go to <http://epiphanyassociation.org/content/dr-susan-muto>

Getting to know her mentor, Adrian van Kaam: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrian\\_Van\\_Kaam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrian_Van_Kaam)