

## Nurturing Our Catholic Community through...



## WITNESS

Bless Our Earth, Creator God, you love our earth; from sunrise to sunset and you fill land and sea with riches; the hills rejoice at your touch; the valleys shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Open our eyes to your resplendent world, that we may care for the earth as our companion in creation. May the pure song of air, water, and trees broaden our minds, lift up our hearts, and guide us to you.

Our resplendent world in its form and functioning is what enables us to have such a splendid sense of God. Any degradation of the earth in its primary functioning inevitably affects our sense of the divine, just as we lose

the full range of our thinking when we lose our experience of the great birds in flight, our experience of the animal or vegetative world, our experience of the rivers and the sea, or our experience of atmospheric phenomena.

Amen