



*Perhaps the primary example of our lack of attention to the Christ Mystery can be seen in the way we continue to pollute and ravage the planet Earth, the very thing we stand on and live from.*

Fr. Richard Rohr

Hi Gardeners,

It's been a while since we've updated everyone on GGG progress and a lot has been going on. Here's a summary.

**NEXT 2021 Garden Day, Saturday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m.**

This is a *major* garden day to prep the field for sowing crimson clover as a cover crop. We have many tasks and will need a good number of people, some with strong backs, to move dirt. We'll also have the usual lighter tasks. Please join us if you can, even if you've been unable to come all summer. The weather is terrific. Mark your calendars and be there!

**Candy Roaster Pie Give-Away**

The second annual candy roaster pie give-away is coming in November. As client numbers are down in the pantry, we will bake 28 pies instead of 60 this year. If you would like to bake three pies, please contact me. We will give them out from the Pantry between 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Nov. 18, 19 and 22, 23, 24.

**Flower Visitation and Altar Flowers**

The GGG is expanding our ministry to provide flowers! Janet Turley has jumped in to help assure that we always have flowers on the altar and to support our new GGG/Congregational Care flower visitation. In order to do this, we are planning to grow bulbs and more cut flowers in the garden next year. If you are interested, please come to our planning meeting this Saturday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Thatcher Hall. This is an opportunity to connect with folks who in illness, celebration, grief or for whatever reason would appreciate a bouquet.

**GGG Vision—How We're Planning to Grow**

Friends, our steering committee has been on fire, generating activities to support our newly revised mission: *to grow and share God's ministry in stewardship, learning and fellowship with all*. The five of us, Betty Bradley, Emily Chatfield-Lusto, Pat Robinson, John Turley and myself met with Joslyn and tossed around ideas focusing on creation care, ministering to our parish with flower visits, and becoming a venue for ecological education (especially for children). If any of the ideas below speak to you, please contact me:

- running workshops with the Master Gardeners' Association in our garden
- developing curriculum packets for youth for year-round use
- creating a walking meditation path with plants and signage around campus
- erecting a bug house, a bat house and a free little library
- becoming a certified Wildlife Association Sacred Space
- developing a flyer to go in a Lucite box in-garden as part of ecotourism in Haywood Co.

Finally, please take a moment to pray for the soul of gardener Sallee Glaesner, who has died, and also for the continued healing of our Betty Harrison.

In gratitude for your loyal support,

Onward and Upward in the Grace Giving Garden,

Mary Alice