

January 2021

A new year is born and the millennium and the century have come of age.

How will we spend 2021? I recently came upon a poem “*Sailing into the new Year*” and it may seem to sum up what our approach to the new year might be.

Behold I am with you always!
God built and launched this year for you;
Upon the bridge you stand;
It's your ship, aye, your own ship
And you are in command.
Just what the twelve months' trip will do
Rests wholly, solely friend with you. (Author unknown)

Does it rest wholly with us? Do we not have *Another Guiding Hand* at the tiller?

One way that we might make a difference to our own spirituality in 2021 and also to future generations is to reflect on Pope Francis' invitation to embrace a contemplative approach to our environment .

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things.” (L S Par. 233)



*I do not know what still awaits
Or what the morrow brings
But with the glad salute of faith
I hail its open wings. (Author unknown)*

We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (L.S:49)

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? (L.S: 160)

“I have come that you may have lifeto the full “ (Jn 10:20)

Let us show our love this January by ensuring that future generations may have life to the full. Also this January may we know that **we are truly loved.**

As the father has loved me so do I love you. Remain in my love. (Jn 15:9)

