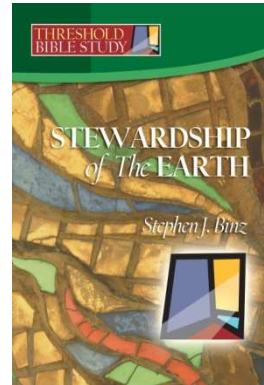
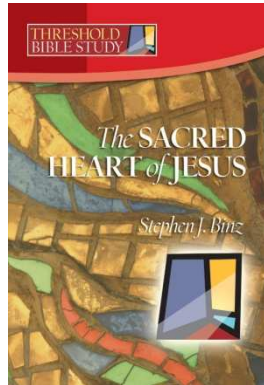


## Two Great New Ways for Bringing Bible Study to the Whole Community

**Involve Your Entire Parish in the Worldwide Year For Priests!**

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Pope Benedict has declared an extraordinary **Year for Priests**, beginning with the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, June 19, 2009, and ending a year later on this same universal feast. This special Year for Priests is a call to all priests to imitate and venerate the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As we honor and support the priests ordained for Christ's service, we realize that we can encourage them most by following our Christian call to be a priestly people. We are challenged to **root our lives in the priestly heart of Jesus** and to mediate his presence to others in the world.

Threshold Bible Study offers *The Sacred Heart of Jesus* as a parish resource for this Year for Priests. This study focuses on the biblical symbol of the heart, the core of the human person and center of the human will and passion. Though the human heart can become hardened, **God has promised to change our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh**. The heart of Jesus, pierced and flowing with living streams of blood and water, is a threshold inviting us into the experience of divine love.

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This heart-centered spirituality is solidly rooted in Scripture and offers a rich source of spiritual renewal today. **Involve your whole parish in this Year For Priests by reflecting on the biblical texts of the Sacred Heart** and developing a priestly spirituality within your community of faith.

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1. God Set His Heart on You (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 7:6-11)
2. Circumcise Your Heart (Deuteronomy 10:12-22)
3. Turn to the Lord with Your Whole Heart (Deuteronomy 30:1-20)
4. Promise of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
5. From Heart of Stone to Heart of Flesh (Ezekiel 11:14-21; 36:22-32)
6. God's Compassionate Love for Israel (Hosea 11:1-11)
7. Abundant Water from the Rock (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:7-11)
8. Drawing Water from Salvation's Font (Isaiah 12:1-6)
9. Water Flowing from God's Temple (Ezekiel 47:1-12)
10. Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51:1-19)
11. Treasuring God's Word in the Heart (Psalm 119:1-16)
12. Bride of My Heart (Song of Songs 4:9-10; 8:6-7)
13. Close to the Father's Heart (John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18)
14. Source of Living Water (John 4:7-15; 7:37-39)
15. Close to the Heart of Jesus (John 13:1-5, 20-30)
16. No Greater Love (John 13:33-35; 15:9-13)
17. The Pierced Side of Jesus (John 19:31-37)
18. The Glorious Wounds of Christ (John 20:19-30)
19. The Humble Heart of Jesus (Matthew 11:25-30)
20. Love of God and Neighbor (Mark 12:28-34)
21. The Heart of Mercy (Luke 6:27-36)
22. The Heart's Treasure (Luke 6:43-45; 12:22-34)
23. Hearts Enflamed (Luke 24:25-35)
24. The Holy Heart of Mary (Luke 2:13-19, 33-35, 51-52)
25. God's Love Poured Into Our Hearts (Romans 5:1-11)
26. Knowing God's Love in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:31-39)

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27. **Believing in Your Heart** (Romans 10:1-13)
28. **That Christ May Dwell in Your Hearts** (Ephesians 3:7-21)
29. **Love in Truth and Action** (1 John 3:16-24; 4:7-16)
30. **The Spirit, the Water, and the Blood** (1 John 5:6-15)

## **Foster a New Ecological Spirituality in Your Whole Parish!**

In the face of the earth's ecological crisis, mostly we know what we have to do but we lack the will to do it. For this reason, many have concluded that **taking action in the current crisis is as much a religious challenge as a political one**. Science, politics, and economics tell us what we need to do; religion tells us why we need to do it.

The contribution of the church is critical for raising awareness of environmental concerns. **The church must issue the prophetic call for a change of heart on these issues that threaten our world**. The challenge to stewardship of the earth, rooted in the call of Scripture, should be communicated in the preaching, worship, and educational programs of Christian communities.

*Stewardship of the Earth* is the first and only Catholic Bible study to integrate the ancient Scriptures with today's ecological challenges. Using the ancient tradition of lectio divina, it guides readers from **attentive listening** to Scripture, to **reflective prayer**, to **contemplative action**. *Stewardship of the Earth* is ideal for individuals, communities, and parishes.

When we study the Scriptures that speak of the wonders of creation as well as the responsibilities of humankind to preserve our earthly habitat, **we nurture within our hearts a love for the natural world and a passion for its care**. By bringing *Stewardship of the Earth* to your parish or community, you can elevate the awareness and commitment of Christ's disciples in the face of creation's sacredness. Through this transformation, you can **foster a new ecological spirituality** of respect and reverence for the earth.

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1. **God's Majesty and Humanity's Dignity** (Psalm 8)

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2. All Creatures Sing Praises to God (Psalm 96)
3. God Sustains and Cares for Creation (Psalm 104:1-13)
4. A Wondrously Interrelated World (Psalm 104:14-23)
5. All Creatures Rejoice in their Maker's Wisdom (Psalm 104:24-35)
6. All Creation Sings Praise to God (Psalm 148)
7. God's Fierce and Beautiful Creativity (Job 38:1-27)
8. Creation's Wild and Exuberant Freedom (Job 38:28-39:18)
9. Job Learns His Place in the World (Job 39:19-40:5; 42:1-6)
10. Listen to God's Wisdom (Proverbs 8:22-36)
11. The Author of Created Beauty (Wisdom 13:1-9)
12. Praise and Exalt the Lord of Earth and Sky (Sirach 43:9-26)
13. All Creatures At Home on the Earth (Genesis 1:1-25)
14. Everything God Makes Is Very Good (Genesis 1:26-2:3)
15. Called to Care for the Earth (Genesis 2:4-25)
16. A World of Broken Bonds (Genesis 3:1-13)
17. Noah Called to Preserve the Species (Genesis 6:11-22)
18. God's Covenant with All Creation (Genesis 9:1-17)
19. A Sabbath for the Creatures and the Land (Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 25:1-7)
20. A Kingdom of Justice, Harmony, and Peace (Isaiah 11:1-9)
21. The Mountains, Trees, and Flowers Rejoice (Isaiah 35:1-7; Isaiah 55:10-13)
22. God's Promise of an Earth Renewed (Isaiah 65:17-25)
23. The Animals, Birds, and Fish Are Dying (Jeremiah 4:19-28; Hosea 4:1-3)
24. All Creation Sings Praise to God (Daniel 3:57-81)
25. Consider the Birds of the Air and the Lilies of the Field (Matthew 6:24-33)
26. Creation's New Birth to Freedom (Romans 8:18-30)
27. Christ's Resurrection Offers Hope for the Cosmos (1 Corinthians 15:35-44)
28. Christ, the Firstborn of All Creation (Colossians 1:15-20)
29. An End to Mourning, Pain, and Death (Revelation 21:1-27)
30. Longing for Creation's Completeness (Revelation 22:1-21)

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