

The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill invite you to our Fall 2018 *Dr. J. T. Vincent Lou Lecture* featuring internationally-renowned theologian

Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, Ph.D.

Is God's Charity

Broad Enough for Bears?

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 ~ 7:00pm

Nineteenth-century naturalist John Muir raised the question, "Is God's charity broad enough for bears?" Starting with Muir's question, Johnson explores our relationship to the natural world within the context of the dangerous ecological crisis our planet faces. Drawing from evolutionary science and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Sí*, she presents the challenge of loving Earth and its species as "neighbor" as an intrinsic part of faith in God – and action for ecojustice as essential to Christian spirituality.



Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY

Free will donations accepted. Book signing to follow lecture.



"At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God ... Eternal life will be a shared experience of awe, in which each creature, resplendently transfigured, will take its rightful place."

~ Pope Francis, Laudato Sí, 243

Lecture is free and open to the public.

Registration required at sparkill.org/events
or call 845-359-4136.

Mark Your Calendar!

The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill are thrilled to announce that **Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, NJ** will be our Spring 2019 lecturer. Visit sparkill.org/events for more details!

Sister Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, Ph.D. is a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has received the John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in theology, the Fordham Teaching Award, and 15 honorary doctorates. Her numerous books and articles have been translated into 13 languages. Deeply involved in the life of the Church, her public service has included participation in the national Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue, the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee on Women in Church and Society, the Vatican-sponsored dialogues on science and religion and on Christ and world religions, and as a core committee member of the Common Ground Initiative to reconcile polarized groups in the Catholic Church.