



Conference 1 | Beginning with Creation

Questions for Personal Reflection

1. Why do I want to live more in the presence of God? What are my hopes and desires at the start of this retreat?
2. Fr. Jacques Philippe asks us, “Where can our hearts find peace today? The easy answer is God, but honestly, where have you been searching for peace? The news? Social Media? Online shopping? Gossip? Movies/shows? Have you been satisfied, or have you been left seeking something deeper?”
3. What is one way that you experienced God’s peace or presence in nature? What did He want to share with you in that moment? What does He want to share in that moment now?
4. Fr. Philippe shares that “Where ever God is present, He is also hidden...it’s almost secret....it’s a presence that reveals itself little by little.” He is a God that is not violent, but gentle and it is through our desire that “obligates God reveal Himself.” What do I truly desire in my relationship with God? Why do I desire this? Do I trust and have faith that God wants to fulfill these desires?
5. What is one way that I can be more attentive to creation this weekend? Star gazing? Morning walk with no phone in hand? Reading scripture outside in the silence?