

Faith in an Entangled World: A Lenten Retreat Inspired by the Universal Apostolic Preferences

In a world marked by complexity, polarization, and rapid change, the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus offer a spiritually grounded lens for discerning how God is at work and how we are called to respond. Described by the Jesuits as “a horizon, a point of reference... that captures our imaginations and awakens our desires”, these four preferences invite us into deeper faith, justice, ecological responsibility, and hope for the future.

Join us for a four-week Lenten retreat, Faith in an Entangled World, as we explore how these preferences illuminate the “signs of the times” and help us respond as people of faith. Each evening will include approximately 45 minutes of content, a short break, and time for discussion and shared reflection.

Retreat Schedule (Tuesdays in Lent, 7:00–8:30 PM)

March 10 — Caring for Our Common Home

Presenter: Susannah Kelly

Explore how the call to “collaborate, with Gospel depth, for the protection and renewal of God’s Creation” shapes our ecological imagination and our responsibility to the Earth.

March 17 — Walking with the Excluded

Presenter: Stacy Hennessy

Reflect on the preference that urges us to walk with “the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated,” and consider how faith invites us into reconciliation and justice.

March 24 — Showing the Way to God: The Spiritual Exercises

Presenter: Paul Panaretos, SJ

Enter the heart of Ignatian spirituality through the first UAP: to “show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment.” Explore how discernment grounds our response to a complex world.

March 31 — Journeying with Youth

Presenter: Shaughn Philips, with a panel of young people

Engage with young adults who embody the hope and creativity at the center of the call to “accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.”

Registration & Cost

The full retreat series is available for \$50, which grants access to all four sessions. Participants may attend any evenings they choose, but a single registration covers the entire program.