

Holy Thursday 2017

“To call God Providence is to recognize that the provident God is the God of abundance who invites us to live lives of generosity, who has given prodigally and indiscriminately. Our overwhelming giftedness, our abundance comes from the freely given bounty of Providence”

Michele Bisbey, CDP

Reading the book, *Seeing Seeds* by Terri Dunn Chace, with stunning photography by Robert Llewellyn, proved to be an awesome experience of the Divine extravagance we call Providence.

Seeds of diverse color, size, shape and texture, patterns of dispersal and germination reveal the abundance, creativity, artistry and unabashed love of diversity of our provident God.

Seeds, seemingly inert in their dormant stage, tend to the life within. Letting go of one form of life to take on another is essential to their transformation. Nurtured by soil and water, darkness and light, this communal work reveals the interconnected web of life.

Do I allow myself adequate time to tend to the life within? Do I trust that growth takes place in darkness as well as in times of light? Am I open to that wonderful but sometimes annoying communal dimension my conversion requires? God is always ready to give more than I am ready to receive. Am I willing to let go of who I am for who I can become?

As a small child waits impatiently for a seed's outward signs of growth, I believe our provident God awaits and celebrates with utmost delight signs of new life in us. On this Holy Thursday may we be transformed into the Living Body of Christ.

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