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DAY OF REFLECTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WITH THE REV. SALLY BINGHAM

San Antonio, TX--The Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco will be the featured speaker at a St. Francis Day retreat, open to the public, on Saturday, Oct. 2 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The retreat, called *Holy Ground*, will focus on the roles of Christians and church communities in protecting the planet.

After celebration of the Eucharist at 7:30 a.m., a silent breakfast will take place followed by remarks by the Rev. Bingham on the moral imperative for the care of Creation. Bingham is founder and co-director of The Regeneration Project, a nonprofit ministry responding to global climate change. Through an initiative called Inter-Faith Power and Light, the ministry has inspired and assisted more than 10,000 religious congregations in 30 states to become energy efficient worship communities.

In addition to Bingham, there will be speakers from the San Antonio area who in the practice of their professions must confront energy, water and food issues. They will talk about the relationship they find between care for the environment, their working lives and their spiritual lives. In the week prior to the retreat participants will be mailed materials to read and reflect upon, and on retreat day will be given an opportunity to engage in their own nature writing.

Breakfast and lunch will be prepared from local food sources and is included in the registration fee. Child care will be available from 8 a.m. until noon.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.stmarks-sa.org/environmental.kt>. Participation fee is \$15.00.

St. Mark's is located at 315 E. Pecan St., across from Travis Park in downtown San Antonio.

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