

**Some Reflections on Our Graced Moment:
In The Cosmos**



Some gifts of our time

- There is a growing sense that the mission in which we are engaged is God's mission not ours, and that mission is larger than any one of us
- We are living and working in partnerships with others of 'many faiths' and 'no faiths' to transform the world.
- We are being shaped by an awareness of the evolving cosmos and a sense of an expanding Universe
- Our focus is no longer solely on 'ministry in church' but rather attending to 'the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted' Vat 2
- There is a deep thirst for spirituality in people today
- We have a rich heritage from which to draw

What other gifts are you aware of in this graced time?

**"We know the future will outlast all of us,
but I believe that all of us will live on
in the future we make
I have lived a blessed time."**

Senator Ted Kennedy

**I will show you favour and answer your cries
for help. I will guard and protect you and
through you make a covenant with all peoples**
Isaiah 49:8

**Hear what God says,
"Now is the acceptable time,
this is the day of salvation."
2 Corinthians 6:2**

Some challenges of our time

- Globalization with its economic power over developed and developing countries
- Living in a time marked by massive chosen and forced migration
- Dealing with the continued spread of urbanization with issues of isolation, youth unemployment etc
- The ongoing exploitation of Earth's resources and its impact on the whole community of life
- Coping with the rapid rate of change in, and increased reliance on technology in all its forms
- Living with an increased level of dysfunctionality within the institutional Church

**What are some other global challenges
at this time?**

In what ways do we respond to these?

**"We are challenged in the deepest levels of our spirituality to have the courage
in the face of uncertainty to embrace the future to which God is calling us
in the face of the irresolvable uncertainty and partial grasp of our situation in the world."**

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