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Carol De Angelo Joins GreenFaith's National Fellowship Program National Initiative Trains Religious Leaders for Environmental Leadership

GreenFaith announced today that Sister Carol De Angelo, a Sister of Charity of New York, and SC Coordinator of Special Projects, has been named a **GreenFaith Fellow** and will join the 2012 Class of the **GreenFaith Fellowship Program**. The Fellowship Program is the only US comprehensive education and training program to prepare lay and ordained leaders from diverse religious traditions for environmental leadership. "We're thrilled to welcome Sister Carol De Angelo to the Program," said Rev. Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith's Executive Director. "We look forward to working with her to support her growth as a religious-environmental leader."

Through three residential retreats, monthly webinars, and extensive reading, Sister Carol will receive education and training in eco-theology, "greening" the operation of institutions, environmental advocacy, and environmental justice. Each Fellow writes their own eco-theological statement and carries out a leadership project in their community, mobilizing religious leaders in relation to an environmental issue. Upon graduating, they will join the Fellowship's alumni/ae network and mentor other emerging leaders in this field.

In speaking of her life experience, Sister Carol De Angelo says, "My varied ministries, in social work, community organizing, parish, child and health care, mission leadership and ecology, have led me to a deep experience of the One Earth Community. Many people, in particular, Thomas Berry have broadened my understanding of what it means to be part of the 14 billion year ongoing development of the Universe and our call to live in a mutually enhancing Earth-Human relationship. I look forward to being a GreenFaith Fellow and working closely with my Congregation, the Sisters of Charity of New York, and the people of Southwest Yonkers."

Sister Carol De Angelo will join a class of 25 Fellows from diverse religious backgrounds. The Fellows represent over ten religious denominations, including Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Evangelical, Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant, and Unitarian

Universalist. Fellows work in a wide variety of settings, including congregations, universities, campus ministries, NGO's, and denominational organizations.

GreenFaith's Executive Director, Rev. Fletcher Harper, directs the Program, with support from a multi-faith and multi-disciplinary faculty. "This program will offer these leaders the opportunity to become well-trained leaders in religious environmentalism," said Harper. "They will help create an environmentally just and sustainable world."

GreenFaith is an interfaith environmental coalition whose mission is to educate and mobilize diverse religious communities for environmental leadership. Founded in 1992, GreenFaith is a leader in the fast-growing religious-environmental movement and has won national and international recognition for its work. For more information, see www.greenfaith.org.

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