



***Transformational Leadership for Mission Now  
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***Finding my place in the New Story***



We began this module by looking at our lives in the light of the Universe story. We used the story of how a caterpillar undergoes a process of metamorphosis in order to become a butterfly. It is a time of transformation. We learnt how the imaginal cells in the caterpillar play a very important role in the process of transformation. Similar to the butterfly we have the capacity to be transformed. The new story of human person is part of the ongoing evolution of all life on our planet.



The planet earth is our home, living, breathing, and self-organizing. All creation is the manifestation of God's unique incarnation and the expression of the Holy One. Each creature in the universe has its own unique place in the web of life. Thus, all the beings in the universe are interconnected and are interdependent. We asked:

How do we experience this in our lives?

We are all one,  
We are all connected,  
We are all from the same source.

"Are we a part of preserving this magnificent universe or destroying this wonder and beauty of God?" Is this an invitation to reflect as we move forward?



Thomas Aquinas says, the universe is the first book of God's revelation. We are invited to understand that everything in the universe is sacred and connected. We are called to be AWAKENED to the fact that we are called to be God's self-manifestation. Creation is not static, it is a relationship between the dynamic being of God and the world that continues to evolve.



The participants then went into a cosmic walk that made us go back as far as 13.7 billion years. We looked at the journey of the universe and were awakened to a new consciousness that is asking us to look at ourselves as leaders for mission now and into the future. Our understanding of the shifts and movements in our church and our religious Communities brought about by new discoveries of science, left us with questions about our life and living together in the Community. We grappled with many things as we tried to reflect and share on our role as leaders and our life in the Community in the light of the principles of the universe: ***diversity, interiority and communion.***

- Where are we in our understanding of our call as leaders, in the light of this new consciousness?
- How can we integrate the three principles of the Universe, as we share our life in Community and mission making it a beautiful experience for one another?

We shared our stories though each is unique.

The three principles of the universe can make a difference in formation, spirituality and in our ministry.

For diversity to be beautiful and life giving, there must be deep interiority - only then can true communion happen.