

## **A La Verna Narrative.**

"Had anyone told me that going to La Verna in Tuscany would change my life so dramatically, I would never have believed them.

I had already travelled to 81 countries. I was 82 years of age. I knew who I was.

My understanding of the tests, joys and tragedies for which life tries to prepare us and perhaps I can say my own philosophy of life, and its meaning, and its purpose, were already well grounded within my soul.

When I arrived in La Verna having taken a coach from the train station in Arezzo I quickly assessed I was in a beautiful, magical kind of place.

I hardly knew why I was there. I knew no one.  
But truthfully I felt that I was in that place for a reason.

I was indeed.

Over next few days I met, talked to, walked with and listened to, sang with and prayed with over 70 young people from many parts of the world who were there to attend the International SummerSchool 2023 under the auspices of the Economy of Francesco to consider and debate and to learn. Me too.

What happened to me was quite transformative and life changing.  
Why and How and What happened to me was nothing than less than a form of renewal if not a rebirth of a kind.

Where? La Verna.  
Why? Because of the Students.  
How? By some form of collective Osmosis.  
What? Seeing clearly what we all..... All All All ....now need to do.

Save the Planet, save our common home and save Humanity.

Nothing less and nothing more.

Now I have no need to say more.

It will all be clearly stated by the collective efforts of all those students who have attended and become brothers and sisters of the Economy of of Francesco."

John Hillbery

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

-Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

-Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY:

- O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the Light of the Holy Spirit, grant that In The Same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.