

Concluding Remarks

The twelve-week Water and Ocean Reflection Series is now concluded. I invite you, to continue walking and reflecting along the chosen water source of your 12 weeks of reflection.

Your time of reflection has been one that could easily be described as deepening your bioregion relationship. A bioregion is an area defined by its topography and biological, or ecosystem, features. What has been some of the high points of your reflection? What has been some of the low points?

As you reflect on these past twelve weeks, use this opportunity to revisit topics of interest within the series, as a time for deeper reflection and further study and action.

Some additional resource material you may be interested in reading are:

- Maude Barlow (& Tony Clarke): (2005): **Blue Gold: The Fight to Stop Corporate Theft of the World's Water.**
- Blue Covenant: (2009): **The Global Water Crisis and the Coming Battle for the Right to Water.**
- Blue Future: (2014): **Protecting Water for People and Planet Forever.**
- Vandana Shiva: (2014): **Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution & Profit.**
- Christiana Peppard: (2014) **Just Water: Theology, Ethics, and the Global Water Crisis.**

For those who are comfortable in sharing the fruits of their weekly reflection over this series, or those wanting to further dialogue on the issues surrounding the state of our oceans and waterway, following this reflection process, feel free to contact me through email bridget.crisp@xtra.co.nz .

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"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, #14