



*The Treasure is within you.*

As followers of Jesus of Nazareth we're experts on the fragility **and** the resiliency of each person. Attentive to their fragility, we extend our compassion, our understanding, and whatever efforts will support and encourage each life so it can become what it God calls it to be. Also being attentive to a person's resiliency, we admire, honor and celebrate whatever is beautiful, strong, and mysterious in each person we encounter. In this we increasingly understand the precious link which binds one person to another...which binds us all to one another as children of God.

A delicate butterfly advertising its beauty with colored powder sprinkled all over its wings, a mountain stream babbling about its bracing, crystalline waters; a whisper of a breeze eager to freshen a breath & refresh a life...each part of creation, large or small, eager to also speak its unique story to all who would listen. Thus the world, nay the universe, is filled beyond measure of such things as you and I, fragile and resilient, asking for the generosity of compassion and the respect of mystery...

- Fr. Ray, Earth Day 2008