The REV. FRANCIS WADE, S.J., PUBLIC LECTURE

Animism Revisited: Wangari Maathai, Benedict XVI, Francis and the Cultivation of Ecological Virtues

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Rev. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J., will examine indigenous religious traditions in Africa, caricatured by missionary Christianity as animist. He will explore the resemblance that beliefs and practices that honor the earth and promote the integrity of creation bear to the ethical principles, values and virtues essential for sustainable solutions to the present ecological crisis in the writings of Nobel Laureate Wangari Mathaai, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. Father Orobator served as provincial superior of the Eastern Africa Province of the Society of Jesus (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan) from 2009–14. A Nigerian, he received his doctorate in theology and religious studies in 2004 from the University of Leeds in England. Among other books, he is the author of Theology Brewed in an African Pot (Orbis, 2008), editor of Reconciliation, Justice, and Peace: The Second African Synod (Orbis, 2011), and co-editor (with Linda Hogan) of Feminist Catholic Theological Ethics: Conversations in the World Church (Orbis, 2014).

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