



**The Rev. Canon Sally Grover Bingham,
CANON for the ENVIRONMENT, CELEBRATES and
PRESIDES at T†SP SUNDAY, JUNE 30th at 11AM**

“It was stirring in me and making me a little crazy that a person who preaches the first and great commandment, which is to love God, and then love your neighbor as yourself — if you love your neighbor, you sure shouldn’t be polluting your neighbor’s air, or throwing engine oil in the storm drain behind your house after

you've washed your car. I mean, every single one of our actions is affecting our neighbors. So the rector of my church asked, 'Why don't you go to seminary and find out where the disconnect is between what we say we believe in, and how we behave?'"

Despite the fact she had no formal education, Sally Bingham enrolled in The University of San Francisco as a 45-year-old freshman. Four years later she left USF with a degree and an even greater passion to serve. She wanted to invoke a passion in people sitting in the pews on Sundays to be just as passionate outside of church towards creation care. Never one to sit on the sidelines, she decided she would set out to be one of the clergy preaching the message she felt was so sorely missed in her church. She attended seminary and then volunteered as a seminarian at a small church in Marin County. "Four years in seminary, and three years in church as a volunteer, and my four years of college, and I was ordained in 1997."

Active in the environmental community for twenty-five years, she is now an Episcopal priest and Canon for the Environment in the Diocese of California. She is also founder and president emerita of The Regeneration Project, which is focused on its Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) campaign, a religious response to global warming. The IPL campaign includes a national network of over 20,000 congregations with affiliated programs in 40 states. She has brought widespread recognition to the link between faith and the environment, and as one of the first faith leaders to fully recognize global warming as a moral issue, she has mobilized thousands of religious people to put their faith into action through energy stewardship and advocacy.

The Rev. Bingham served on Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and is currently a member of Biden's similar group. Sally is on the board of Pacific Forest Trust. She serves on the advisory board for the Union of Concerned Scientists. She served on the national board of the Environmental

Defense Fund for over thirty years. The Interfaith Power & Light campaign and the Rev. Bingham have received numerous awards including the 2007 U.S. EPA Climate Protection Award, the Purpose Prize, the Energy Globe Award and commendation as a “sacred gift to the planet” by the World Wildlife Fund. The Rev. Bingham was named one of the top fifteen green religious leaders by *Grist* magazine and has been recognized as a Climate Hero by *Yes! Magazine*. She has received honorary Doctorates of Divinity from the University of the South, The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and the College of the Holy Cross. Sally is the lead author of *LoveGod Heal Earth*, a collection of 21 essays on environmental stewardship by herself and fellow religious leaders, published by St. Lynn’s Press in February 2009.

We are honored to welcome Canon Bingham to Trinity†St. Peter’s on April 21st.