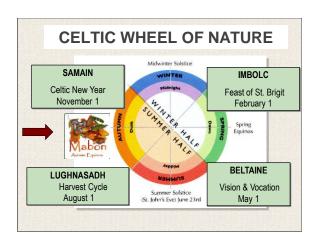
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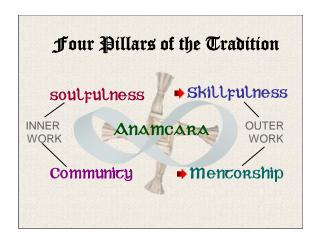


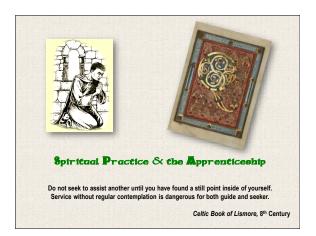












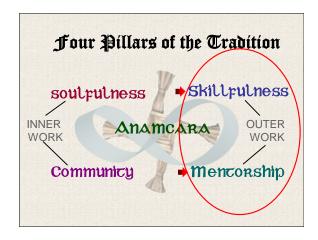


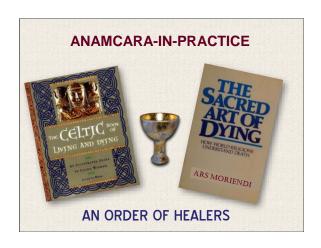
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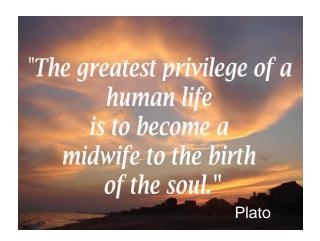
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Rule of the Culdees, 8th Century















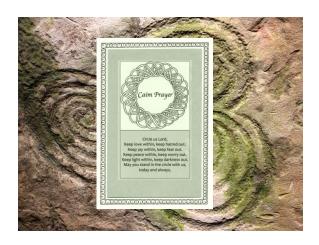


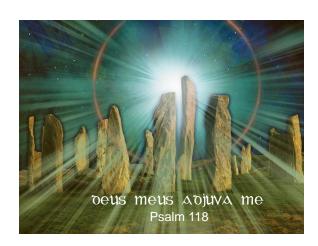
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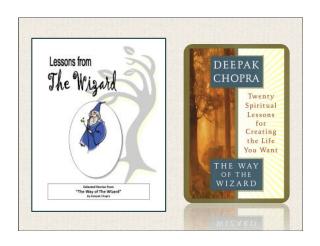














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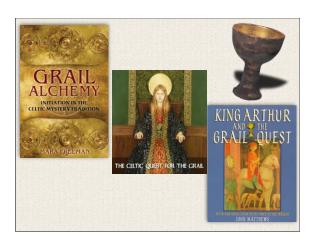
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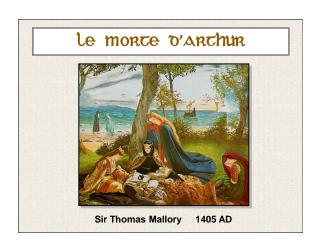
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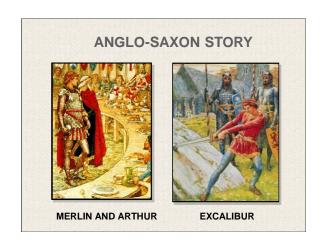
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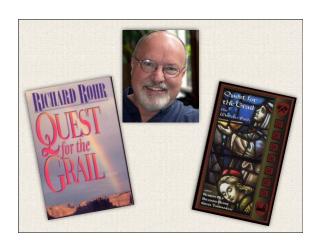


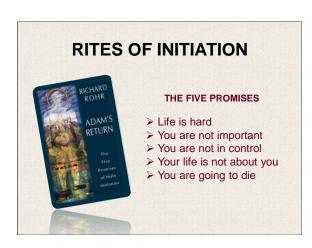
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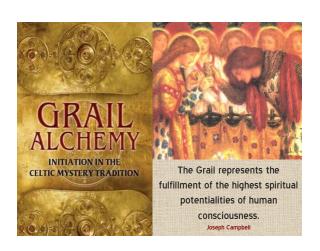






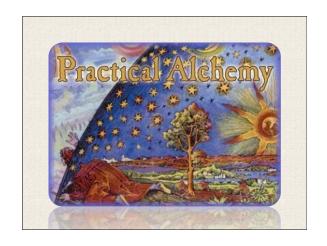


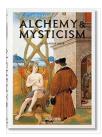




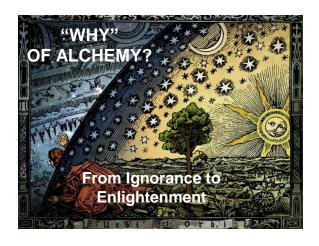






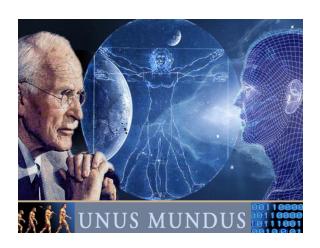


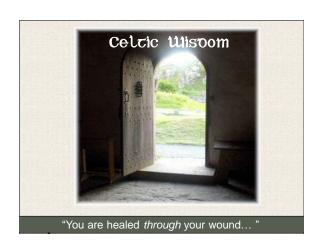
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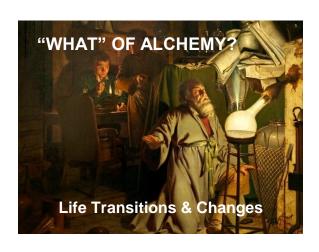


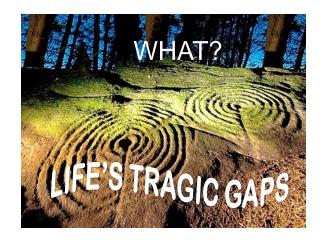








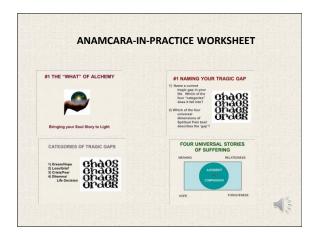




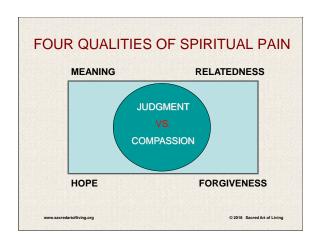




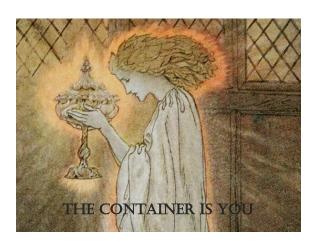
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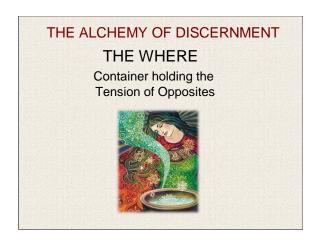


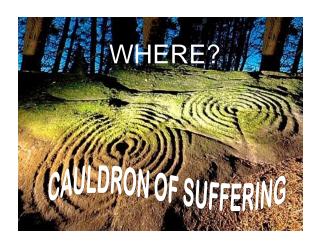
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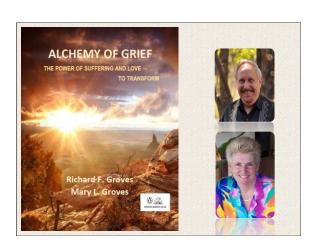












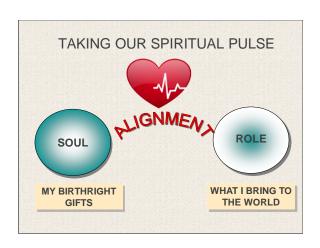


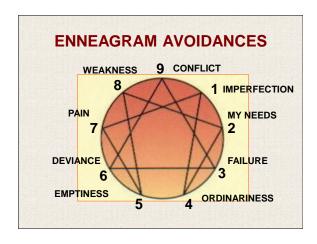
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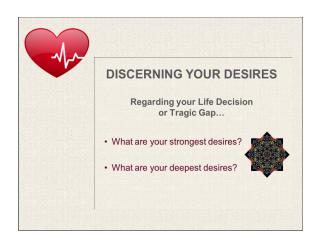


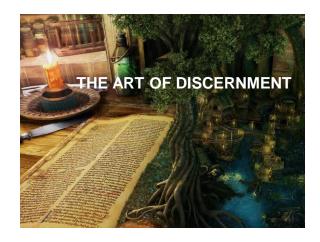
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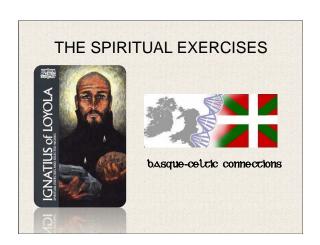




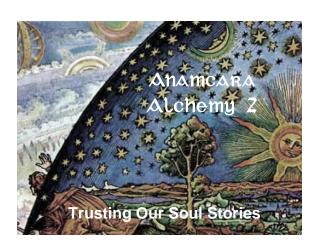


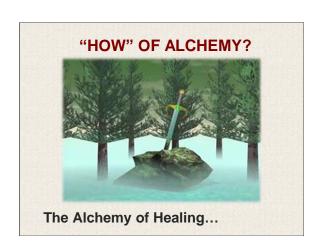






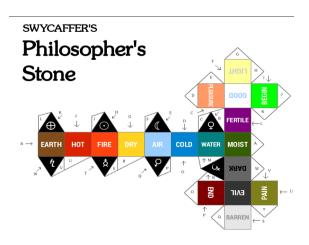


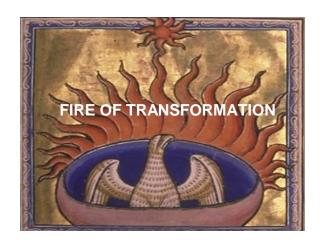


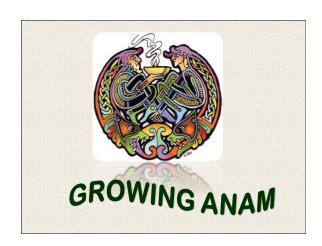


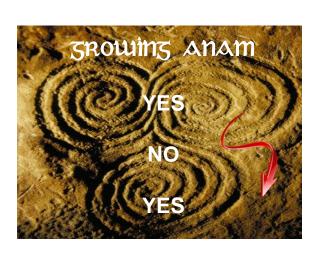


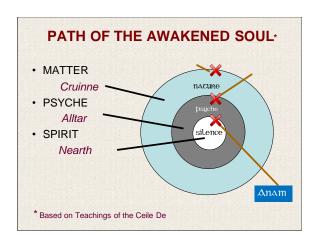






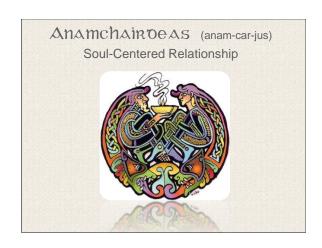




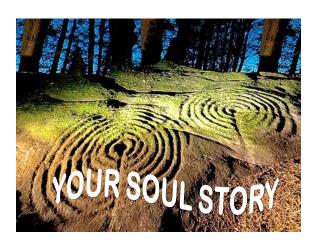




## GROWING ANAM 1) Name a deeply held spiritual principle that you have always been able to trust in times of crisis or change. 2) What courageous question might be arising in you that could reveal the deeper mystery underneath your Tragic Gap?







# PREPARING TO SHARE YOUR SOUL STORY 1. Spend this time reflecting on the Soul Story you wish to work with during this retreat. 2. Describe your story in three simple statements: (Knowing it will be shared with two other apprentices) a) The Tragic Gap (Your Soul Story) b) The Obstacle (Your Pain Story) c) The Courageous Question (Where you are growing 'anam')

## FIRST PRINCIPLE IN GROWING ANAM



 Trusting that the soul already knows what it needs.

"The primary responsibility of the anamcara is to be a faithful mirror to the seeker."

## Anamcara = soul prienoship A BASIC JOB DESCRIPTION



- > Helps to correct imbalances
- > Offers non judgmental attention
- > Checks reality: a 'BS' detector
- Holds the 'the good of a soul' paramount



The soul guide is one who can show resourceful perception, gentle strength, dismantle illusion and mirror reality clearly...

—St. Colman Mac Duagh, 6th c



## SECOND PRINCIPLE IN GROWING ANAM



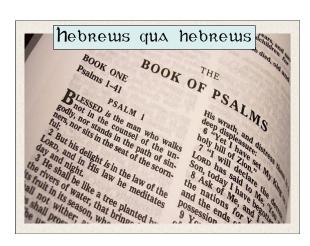
 When we acknowledge that we already have a link to the Infinite... our attitudes and behaviors inevitably change.

"The eye through which I see God is the same eye which sees me... Meister Eckhart

## **INSTRUCTIONS for ANAMCHARDEAS PREPARATION** 1) Take 20 min to draft the Soul Story you will be sharing with your triad; a timer will be posted 2) Everyone will then be put into a breakout room of 3 apprentices -Introduce yourselves and quickly decide who will be the first Seeker, Guide and Holy Observer (everyone will have a turn at each role) 3) It is the role of the Holy Observer to keep time (using the anamchareas schedule on the following slide) 4) At the end of the half hour exchange roles and repeat the process until all three members of your anamchardeas have experienced each rold 5) The last Holy Observer keeps and eye on the breakout room messages giving 5 & 1 minute warnings **ANAMCHAIRDEAS SESSION** 1) Everyone sets their intention Seeker Reviews their Soul Story Guide & Holy Observer ground themselves 5 min 2) Seeker (selectively) discloses Tragic Gap 5 min. 3) Guide provides soulful hospitality and listens for deeper messages Holy Observer listens beneath words 5 min. 5 min. 4) Everyone journals their observations 5) Group Sharing- not problem solving 10 min. but name emerging insights

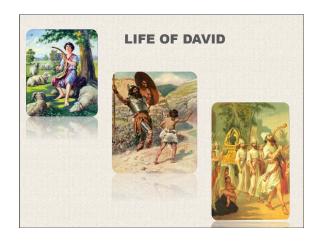
## DAY ONE: "PSALMS FOR ANAMCARA"





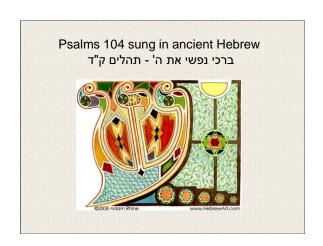


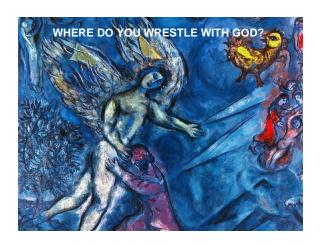




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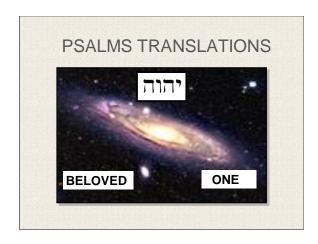


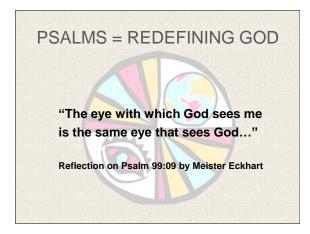


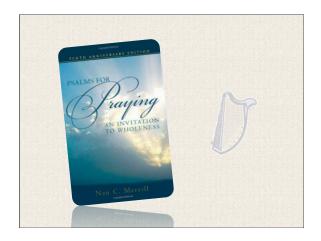




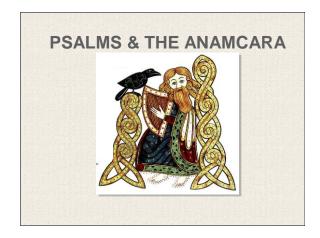
"...Israel determinedly and self-assuredly knows that this prayer is the meeting ground where life occurs and will wait there for a response from Yahweh, if need be, 'until Hell freezes over' ...Israel fully expects that Yahweh will also be present at that deathly limit."

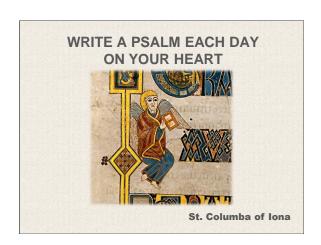


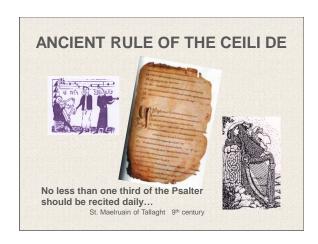


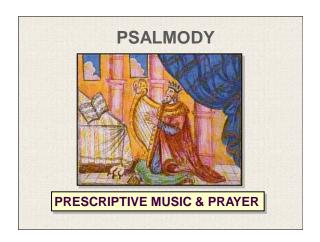


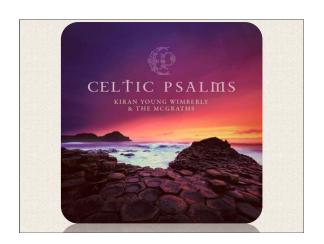






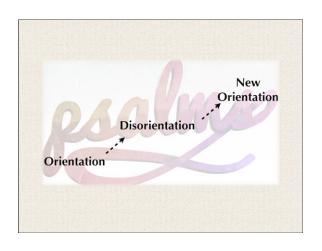


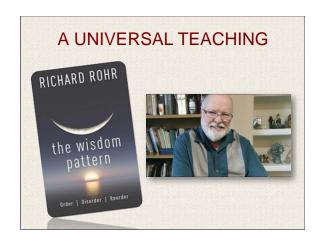




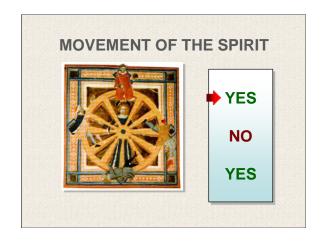










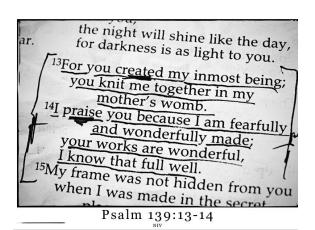


### **ANAMCARA LEARNINGS**

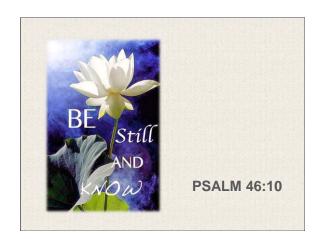
- In the presence of suffering, there can be a mysterious experience of joy, peace and delight
- Prayers of Well-Being are marked by gratitude and thanksgiving
- Psalms of Orientation are like a sacred canopy that, in the end, "all shall be well, all manner of things shall be well." Psalm 139

## Each psalm may be offered as an antidote to whatever ailment of the spirit may be present... Ars Moriendi, 11th century

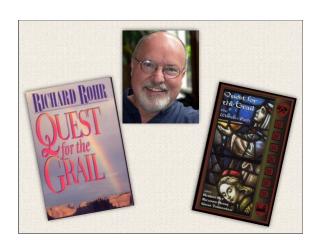




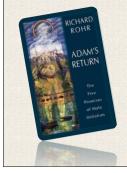








### **RITES OF INITIATION**



### THE FIVE PROMISES

- ➤ Life is hard
- > You are not important
- > You are not in control
- ➤ Your life is not about you
- > You are going to die

### **REFLECTION ON THE GRAIL STORY**



### **DURING THE NEXT DAY**

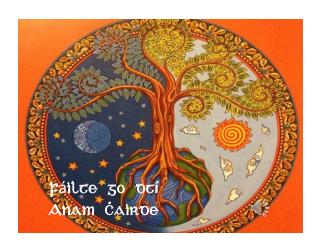
- ➤ Discern which of the 'five promises' that are most challenging for you at this time of life
- What insight/s might the Grail Story offer you in terms of what is challenging you



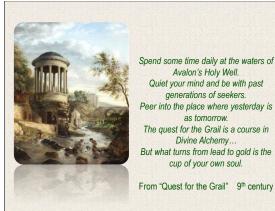












Spend some time daily at the waters of Avalon's Holy Well. Quiet your mind and be with past generations of seekers. Peer into the place where yesterday is as tomorrow. The quest for the Grail is a course in Divine Alchemy...
But what turns from lead to gold is the cup of your own soul.

being a Soul prieno por Others



An Anamcara Tool Chest of Practices

Anamchairoeas (anam-car-jus) Soul-Centered Relationship

### • WHAT (Grail Quest) Major life decision or tragic gap • WHERE (Obstacle Stone) Container holding the tension of opposites • HOW (Sword of Reconciliation) Fire of the courageous

question

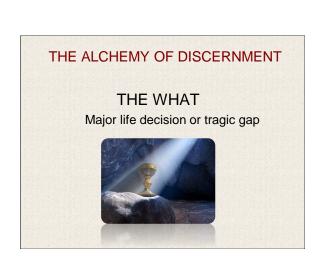




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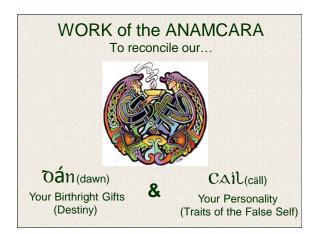
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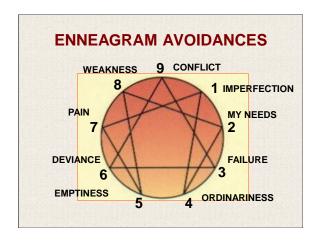


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## PARADOX OF THE SHADOW The shadow is both the awful thing that needs redemption and the suffering redeemer who can provide it.



### Anamcara balance



Offer truth & A sensitive hand
Resourceful perception & Gentle strength
Dismantle illusion & Mirror reality
Encourage practice and Cultivate trust
Curb tendency to be rash & Not diminish zeal

### **DISCERNING YOUR DESIRES**

Regarding your Life Decision or Tragic Gap...

- · What are your strongest desires?

• What are your deepest desires?



How to discern an Angel of Darkness from an Angel of Light

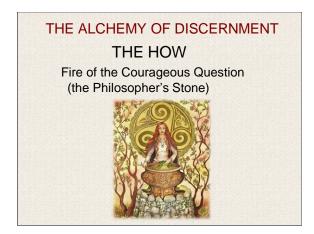
### **HEALING & SOUL** "Learning how to read the messages that the shadow encodes is the only path to healing self and others." Carl G. Jung Scep Four Everyone journals... **ASKING THE QUESTION** "The alchemy of healing requires grace and

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### HOLDING THE DARKNESS & LIGHT IN YOUR SOUL STORY Listening for a 'third way' that may be arising...

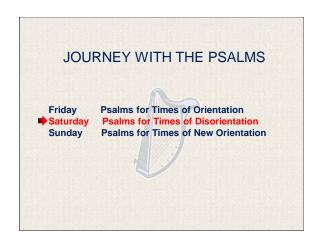






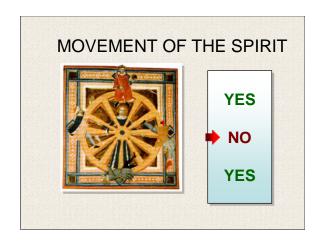


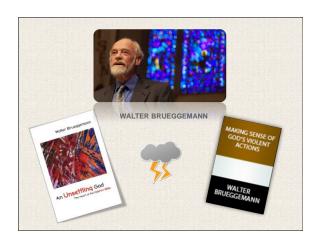
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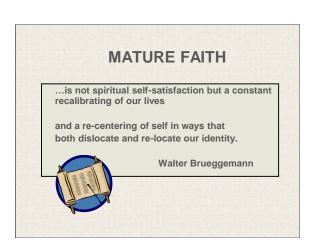






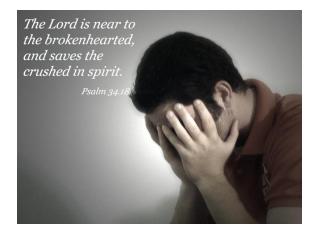






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### **PSALMS OF DARKNESS**

My God, why have you abandoned me?

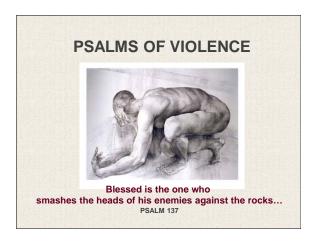
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Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

Psalm 31

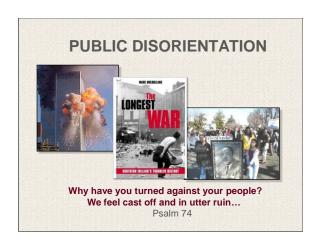
## PSALMS OF DISORIENTATION How long will you utterly forget me? I am in grief by day and by night. Psalm 35



### IS GOD...

- · Having a bad day?
- A recovering "violence addict"?
- · The one who weeps?







### **PSALMS IN THE HOSPICE**



- \* BOOK OF HOURS
- **\* INFIRMARY VIBRATIONS**
- **❖ THE VIGIL**
- **❖ 7 PENITENTIAL PSALMS**
- **\* BEREAVEMENT MEDICINE**

### **PSALMS AT THE END OF LIFE**

"When an anamcara dies, a watch is to be kept over the body and the Psalms are recited constantly by sun or candle light, until the burial service..."



A Welsh Ceiledl 11th century

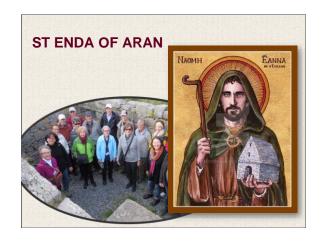


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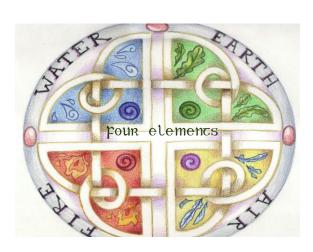
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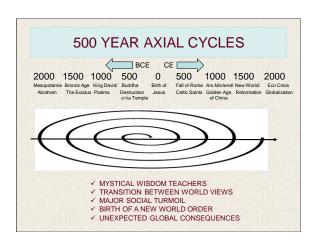
"Do not practice long, drawn out devotions but give yourself to prayer at intervals as you would your daily food."

St Comghall, 6th c











"Everything we do at Sacred Art of Living Center leads back to Anamcara... and to relight Brigid's flame in our time."

Mary Groves



### DAY THREE

PSALMS OF NEW ORIENTATION

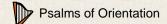
# JOURNEY WITH THE PSALMS Friday Saturday Saturday Sunday Psalms for Times of Orientation Psalms for Times of New Orientation

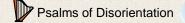


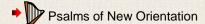




### PSALMS & THE SEASONS OF LIFE







### **PSALMS OF NEW ORIENTATION**



The psalms ingeniously bear witness to a surprising gift of new life just when none had been expected...

But there is no going back to the old stable orientation. The psalmist knows that we can never go back home again.

Letter of Bill W. to Carl Jung

### **ANAMCARA LEARNINGS**

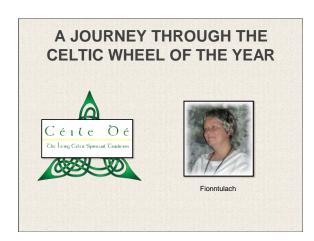
- Life is enriched because of the suffering...
  we do not come to this position through
  logic or on our own but through 'grace'
- Prayers of Praise are statements of awe in the face of an unexplained reversal of fortune
- Psalms of New Orientation are the product of the public imagination that has experienced a last minute rescue that is still fresh on its mind

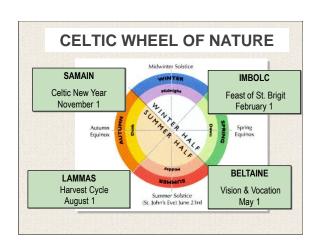






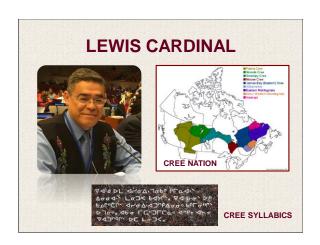
### **CEILI DE MEETING**











### **EVALUATION REFLECTION**

As you look toward Year Two of the Apprenticeship...

- 1) What are you most hopeful about or look forward to?
- Please feel free to name any questions, or concerns for the Leadership Team and/or your mentors.

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