

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Our Poets, Past and Present

### Our Milky Way Galaxy, One of Many

Quiet moments in prayer with our Lord  
is time well spent, believe it or not.  
We can see and hear things with our minds  
that with our eyes and ears we surely cannot.

The Lord shows the cosmos  
with galaxies and stars  
many much like our own,  
possibly with beings there  
who call it their home.

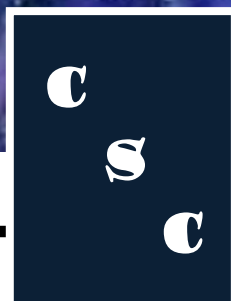
The depth and breath of God, we are told,  
we'll never fully know, mysteries we cannot unfold.  
Our Milky Way Galaxy, from a bird's eye view  
offers a beauty right out of the blue.

Such a marvelous view, this heavenly sensation!  
Who could honestly suggest  
that it came about of its own creation?

Can we believe what we see and hear  
is a meaningful question,  
but to observe the universe  
and ponder its mysteries invites a suggestion.

In being truthful and sincere can we honestly say  
our universe and galaxies did just happen that way?  
Or while pondering more deeply,  
do our prayers and faith connect, causing us to think  
that with us and a higher power, there is surely a link.

—**Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC**



## Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

### Are You Listening?

This is a special time in our Church. Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics to get involved in the process called “synodality.” This term refers to the input the bishops will receive from the members of their dioceses to be presented at the next synod in Rome.

We are asked to be particularly aware of how well we are listening to others’ concerns about the future of the Church as well as our own when we meet in small groups. This is especially a challenge when another person’s viewpoint differs greatly from what we see as priorities.

To be aware of what another person is trying to communicate to us, we need to review some basic points. First, when the other person is speaking, we need to try to put ourselves into his or her world. This means we are not thinking about our own ideas at the same time. Next, we become aware of the emotion(s) the other person is showing as he or she is speaking and how it is affecting us. By naming our emotion we become able to freely choose how we want to react.

When we have truly listened, we become open to something new happening. Our faith tells us that Christ is present where two or more are gathered in His name. This is how Vatican II gave the Church a new awakening that is still being fully implemented. This is how the Church chooses a new pope. Maybe it is through listening to the “people in the pews,” our Church can begin to truly become the “People of God.”

- Can you recall an experience in which you really listened to another person?
- What was the outcome of that experience?
- Can the process of synodality help in renewing the Church?

**O God, show me how my listening can become a way of loving my neighbor.**



**Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.**

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Reflection  
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.

An underwater scene with several dolphins swimming in clear blue water. The dolphins are the central focus, with one in the foreground and others in the background.

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**I have so much to accomplish today  
that I must meditate for two hours  
instead of one.**

~ Mahatma Gandhi

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