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A discussion of the theological underpinnings of environmental ethics will be led by Michael J. Himes, Ph.D., professor of theology at Boston College, during a Feb. 17 Eugene M. Burke Lecture in Peterson Hall, University of California, San Diego.

The Burke Lectureship sponsors a permanent, major series of lectures by distinguished theologians, philosophers and other scholars who visit the campus for one or more days of teaching. The free public lecture will be held at 8 p.m. in Peterson Hall on the Thurgood Marshall campus. The Rev. Himes also will speak at a student colloquium and a faculty luncheon on campus the following day.

Because everything in the natural world is evidence of God's grace, says the Rev. Himes, it's quite reasonable to look for the theological foundation of environmental ethics. Leading environmental thinkers reject the idea that humans deserve an unchallenged right to control and use what occurs naturally around them, and the Rev. Himes finds ample support for this position in scripture.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Father Himes received a bachelor of arts in philosophy from Cathedral College in Brooklyn in 1968. After four years at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, he was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood for the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1972. He earned his Ph.D. in the history of Christianity, with distinction, from the University of Chicago in 1981.

Currently professor of theology at Boston College, he spent six years on the faculty at the University of Notre Dame. Before that he was academic dean at his alma mater, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. He is a prolific author, with more than 30 books and journal articles in print.

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