



## **Blessing of the Animals and Cincinnati Zoo Visit September 29th, 2007 (Saturday)**

This will be Mount Auburn's second Blessing of the Animals service. This year we are combining the blessing with a MAPC families and friends visit to the Cincinnati Zoo. There are several ways you can participate.

If you'd like to go to the zoo there are discounted tickets for MAPC families and friends who RSVP to Van Ackerman in advance. Adult tickets will be \$8.95, and the price for children will be \$5.95. We'll arrive at the zoo between 10:00 and 10:30. There will be a special educational program at the zoo's Educational Center. Time TBA. Pastor Susan will lead us as we bless whole species of animals: maybe the cats, or the birds and possibly even the elephants. We suggest that people depart the zoo at 3:00, giving you time to get your pet from home and meet back at the church for the 4:00 blessing.

If you can't go to the zoo, bring a photograph of a beloved pet or the name of a pet that you'd like lifted up during the Mount Auburn service. If you can't attend the zoo or the blessing, send your pet's name or a photograph to Gordon DeVinney via email. There will be a short service honoring our beloved pets, music and a ritual of blessing.

Remember to RSVP to Van by Wednesday, Sept. 26th in order to receive the discounted tickets and additional details about the zoo visit. Please join us for a very touching and moving blessing ceremony and a fun day with our Mt. Auburn family.

