

# NOUWEN LEGACY

CELEBRATING HENRI NOUWEN'S SPIRITUAL IMPACT



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## UPCOMING FEATURED EVENT

### [Nouwen Workshop at SDI](#)

(2009 Spiritual Directors International Conference, April 17 - 2:00-3:30 pm / 4:00-5:30 pm, Houston, TX)

### [One-Day Course at LMU](#)

("Henri Nouwen: Integrated Ministry Praxis" - April 25 - 8:30 am-3:00 pm, hosted by the [Center for Religion and Spirituality](#))

### [Overnight Retreat in Toronto](#)

I will be in Toronto, Canada this coming mid-May to conduct an overnight retreat ("Henri Nouwen: An Integrated Journey") at the [Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Center](#) (May 15-16, 2009). If you happen to be in the area around that time and you wish to join us, you may email [Jeane Chua](mailto:jeanne.chua@rogers.com) ([jeanne.chua@rogers.com](mailto:jeanne.chua@rogers.com)) or call her at 416-385-0762 / 647-839-3952 for more information. We still have 5-10 spots open (first come, first served basis, maximum of 25).

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## SPRING QUARTER UPDATES

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009 - VOL 1, ISSUE 3

Dear Friends,

### Happy Resurrection Day to all!! The Lord is risen indeed!

The Sunday before, which was Palm Sunday, some 21 of us commenced the passion week by gathering together for a special Lenten retreat at the gorgeous Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. Without a doubt, the Stations of the Cross experience proved to be the highlight for all the participants. We followed Nouwen's moving meditations based on his book *Walking with Jesus: Stations of the Cross*.

Last Monday night, I ended the 4-part Book Study series on *Henri Nouwen and Soul Care: A Ministry of Integration* at the Center for Spiritual Development in Orange. What a blessed group I had! Monday after Monday, they'd come enthusiastic to learn and engage with Nouwen's insights into spiritual companionship. Needless to say, we instantly built a community with our newfound friends. I will personally miss each one of them although I'm hoping to see many of them again at some future Nouwen events.

The Wednesday before that, I also wrapped up a five-week series on the "Integrated Journey of Henri Nouwen" with some 30 folks regularly attending at St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Palos Verdes. The group was mainly composed of adults aged 45 and above and many of them were very responsive and eager to participate in the discussion, which was very encouraging! Despite the long drive (sufficiently offset though by the breathtaking ocean view and beautiful scenery), I felt that the series was really all worth the energy I put into it. People received Nouwen's spiritual teachings quite positively.

At this early, I'm already looking forward to my trip to Toronto in May to conduct an overnight Nouwen retreat at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Center. I'm also excited to touch base with the Nouwen Society folks and meet seminary deans of a few schools to explore the possibility of teaching a Nouwen course in Toronto. Suffice it to say, I'm overwhelmed by the increasing number of doors that are continually opening up to promote Nouwen's enduring spiritual legacy.

This Easter Sunday, may we be encouraged by the hope Henri Nouwen lends to us by his words:

"Easter season is a time of hope. There still fear, there still is a painful awareness of sinfulness, but there also is light breaking through. Something new is happening, something that goes beyond the changing moods of our life. We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic, tranquil or angry, but the solid streams of God's presence moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and hearts. Easter brings the awareness that God is present even when his presence is not directly noticed. Easter brings the good news that, although things seem to get worse in the world, the Evil One has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that although God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things, our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the Scriptures to us. Thus there are many rays of hope casting their light on our way to life" (*Show Me the Way*).

Again, a joyous Easter to you all!

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## Ministry Connection

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you desire companionship in your spiritual journey (either *one-on-one in person or via phone*), Click [here](#) for more information about spiritual direction ministry.

### SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

If you need help in organizing or facilitating any kind of guided retreat (*such as a Nouwen retreat*) for your church, organization, or small group, [email me](#) or click [here](#)

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This site is dedicated to promoting the enduring spiritual legacy of Henri Nouwen, one of the greatest spiritual writers of the past century. It is hosted and maintained by me. I invite you to be a part of the [Nouwen Legacy Associates](#).