



Word and Life

Thoughtful Christians in search of mature faith

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Richard Rohr, Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality

This winter we will ponder and discuss a recent book by noted and inspiring Franciscan teacher and preacher, Fr. Richard Rohr. He writes in his introduction, "Only when inner and outer authority come together do we have true spiritual wisdom. We have for too long insisted on outer authority alone, without any teaching of prayer, inner journey and maturing consciousness. The results for the world and for religion have been disastrous... I offer these reflections to again unite what should never have been separated: sacred Scripture and Christian spirituality."

All sessions will be on Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Holy Cross Church Parish Hall, 1740 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. The series fee, \$50, includes all handouts and study material. Save \$5 and pre-register by contacting BobDoering@wordandlife.us before the first meeting. Financial aid is available to encourage those on restricted budgets to attend; contact a member of the Steering Committee,

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Jan. 14	Introduction, "Connecting the dots" & Ch. 1, "Information is not necessarily transformation"	Keith Forster
Jan. 21	Ch. 2, "Getting the 'who' right" [understanding ourselves]	Anne Heck
Jan. 28	Ch. 3, "People who have faces" [the importance of relationships]	Dawn George
Feb. 4	Ch. 4, "The boxing ring" [struggle and growth, from law to grace]	John Hydar
Feb. 11	Ch. 5, "Good power and bad power" [the last and the first]	Christine Boesch
Feb. 18	Ch. 6, "The razor's edge: knowing and not knowing" [prayer and contemplation]	Fr. Bill Garcia
Feb. 25	Ch. 7, "Evil's lie" [absorbing and transforming evil, vs. scapegoating]	Fr. Jim Clarke
Mar. 4	Ch. 8, "The resented banquet" [grace freely flowing]	Mary Rosenfeld
Mar. 11	Ch. 9, "The mystery of the cross" [a fresh look at redemption]	Bro. Jude Hill
Mar. 18	Ch. 10, "Mutual indwelling" [half-session] CLOSING LITURGY & LUNCH	t. b. a.

Word and Life is an adult faith community founded in Santa Barbara by a group of Catholic lay persons. Respecting the diversity of contemporary spiritual experience and dedicated to educating its members principally by reading and discussing books pertinent to scripture, theology and spirituality, the community welcomes all who hunger and thirst for a deeper relationship with God and others. Study, dialogue, prayer, celebration, song and community enable us to experience God's Spirit alive in one another.