

Holy Family Bookstore

1519 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030

February 21, 2010



**The Holy Family Bookstore
is pleased to welcome**

Macrina Wiedekehr, OSB

Writer, spiritual guide, retreat and conference speaker,
monastic of St. Scholastica Monastery.

Sister Macrina just lead the Women's Connection Lenten Retreat
on Friday and Saturday.

She will be discussing and signing copies of her many books

TODAY Sunday, February 21 9 a.m. to Noon

Books available for purchase

Include

Gold in Your Memories Behold Your Life

Seven Sacred Pauses Song of the Seed

Tree Full of Angels

Bookstore Hours

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY thru SATURDAY

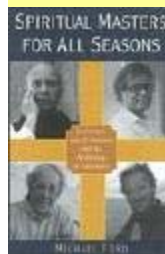
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED MONDAY

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REVIEW FROM MSGR. CONNOLLY



Spiritual Masters for All Seasons

by Michael Ford

The author is not new to us...he has written two very engaging biographies on Henri Nouwen and Mychal Judge (9/11 victim-hero). *Spiritual Masters for All Seasons* gathers a collection of reflections on the presence and impact of four modern "mystics",

Thomas Merton, Anthony DeMello, Henri Nouwen and John O'Donohue. While each is very different, all have impacted the post-modern impatient search for a spiritual center. This is an easy and very engaging read. It provides another glance at the conversations of our age.

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Just Haiti

Working for peace and justice through sustainable development

Just Haiti was founded in 2007 to support efforts of Haitians to rise from poverty and free themselves of dependence on the charity of benefactors.

In their current project, **Just Haiti** works with an association of subsistence coffee growers in Baraderes, Haiti. **Just Haiti** assists them in bringing high quality, organic, shade-grown coffee to North American consumers. Through building a sustainable business that they own, the farmers also hope to stabilize their community.

You can help turn their hope into reality—simply by drinking their coffee and sharing it with friends, family and co-workers. It's a way to make economic justice an everyday habit rather than a special event.

Holy Family Bookstore is proud to be selling **Kafe Lepsua** (Creole for "coffee of hope") We are stocking 12 oz bags of Haitian Dark Roast in beans and drip, Haitian Dark Roast in an Espresso grind, and also whole bean and drip in Regular Roast. The cost in \$11.00 per bag.



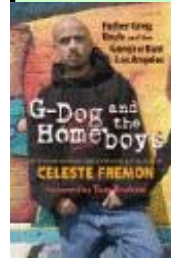
Although Baradères is a rural community about 100 miles from the epicenter of the January 12 earthquake, some buildings were damaged. But the coffee growers' chief concern is a flood of earthquake refugees who lack adequate food, shelter and medical care. This exodus is occurring throughout the country, far from the focus of news media reports. The growers' association, Coffee Development of Baradères (CDB), designed a relief program to focus on households in the community that are sheltering additional people because of the quake. The program will provide the following for displaced Haitians: Housing assistance and food, tuition subsidies, medical assistance. The association is also endeavoring to repair buildings in the community that were damaged in the quake. We can support their efforts by purchasing Kafe Lepsua,

Reading Group Selections in Stock at the Holy Family Bookstore

Men's Reading Group—March

G-Dog and the Homeboys

by Celeste Fremon



This is an updated edition of the story of the gang scene in East L.A. and Father Gregory Boyle's innovative ministry and economic development efforts in the area.

Women's Reading Group

March

Shanghai Girls

By Lisa See

From the author of the bestsellers "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" and "Peony in Love" comes a stunning novel about two sisters who leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles.



The Holy Family Reading Groups explore a diverse group of books in their monthly meetings. The upcoming selections are very exciting. The choices are thoughtfully made and even if you cannot join the groups in discussion of the books, we encourage you to peruse their monthly selections if you are looking for interesting personal reading.

If you would like to join the book discussions, dates and times of the gatherings are available in the weekly parish bulletin.

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Spiritual Masters for All Seasons

I recommend this for light reading with the understanding that it is merely a marginal understanding of their very complex theologies. After all, Merton is a Trappist monk who understood the gospel better than many outside the confines of the abbey. O'Donohue was a Irish mystic immersed in the moods of Celtic culture and environment while having his roots in the German philosophy of Hegel. Nouwen, unsettled seeker, belonged to everyone's struggles and had the extraordinary ability to articulate the high value of every experience. De Mello was from India and his formation was heavily influenced by Hindu and Buddhist mysticism.

Ford punctuates his narratives with prayerful responses from Dr. Rowan Williams. Obviously Ford is impressed by President Barack Obama. My impression is that this writing was shaped in the days of Obama's ascendancy; his name is invoked a number of times. Whatever his leadership charisma, I'm suspicious about his merits in this mystical company. I did enjoy reading this book and recommend it.