



Richard Rohr is the academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation, where James Finley is a core faculty

member for this school. Fr. Richard acknowledges that Christianity has often failed at its primary task - re-teaching our intrinsic belonging and beloved identity. While it takes a lifetime to rediscover our True Selves, we can begin by developing healthy egos and boundaries. From there we must allow great love and suffering to teach us that everything belongs, even - and most especially - our faults and weaknesses. Father Richard teaches contemplative practice as a way to bring darkness into light, holding all within God's loving presence.

Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy through practices of contemplation and self-emptying, and radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized. He is academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation. Richard has written numerous books, including *Everything Belongs*, *Adam's Return*, *The Naked Now*, *Breathing Under Water*, *Falling Upward*, *Immortal Diamond*, and *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*. You may learn more about Richard Rohr at cac.org/richard-rohr.

As this is being recorded offsite, Fr. Richard will not be participating in this webcast.



Mission Statement

At the service of the church and one with the *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate* whose mission is that of Jesus Christ sent to announce good news to the poor, freedom to captives and new vision to the blind (Luke 4), Queen's House is primarily committed to the renewal of the people of God with special regard for the alienated and the suffering.

A place of hospitality, beauty and quiet, Queen's House welcomes all peoples in their unique life experiences. They come to pray and worship, to seek healing and human dignity, to grow in knowledge of self, the world and God. With risk and daring Queen's House responds to these needs through creative programs and collaborative ministry.

Embracing its own need for conversion, Queen's House looks to the day when all may love tenderly, act justly and walk in truth with one another and with God (Micah 6).

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As we need a minimum number of 15 registrants to offer this program please register by January 9 if you plan on attending. If you are a last-minute participant please call Queen's House to confirm that the program is being offered. Thank you!

God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening, and what Mystery, transformation, God, and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process. *John of the Cross*

In a webcast recorded on the Feast of St. John of the Cross, James Finley explores the 16th century Spanish mystic's life and writings. John went through a purifying process of the Dark Night of the Soul. His description of this experience helps us navigate our own times of darkness and unknowing, coming to a profound knowing of God's presence in our lives. Through reflections on John's texts, Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul and Spiritual Canticle, James shares how our powerlessness in prayer is gradually transformed into contemplative intimacy with God. John believed that Infinite Love is the architect of our hearts. We are made in such a way that nothing less than an infinite union with Infinite Love will do. The Dark Night deepens our desire and openness to this love.



James Finley is a core faculty member of the Center for Action and Contemplation. His written and recorded teachings include Jesus & Buddha, Following the Mystics through the Narrow Gate, Merton's Palace of Nowhere, The Contemplative Heart, and Christian Meditation. Jim is a clinical psychologist in private practice with his wife in Santa Monica, California.

Who teaches the soul
if not God?

Saint John of the Cross