

Mondays 2012-2013
1-2:30 PM in the chapel of SJE Office Building
Please watch bulletin for notice of moving to the school or for ordering
books from Sr. Joan

Unlikely Spiritual Heroes by Brennan R. Hill, Most heroes start off as ordinary and flawed individuals, searching for their true selves and for what they should do with their lives. Then suddenly they are asked to step up and do great things for others. In the case of a true hero, the response is selfless, inspiring, even breathtaking. The eight figures (Jean Donovan, Helen Prejean, Dorothy Stang, Pedro Arrupe, Thomas Merton, Maximilian Kolbe, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and Pope John Paul II) are indeed unlikely heroes, in that anyone who knew them early on would not have guessed the heights to which they would climb, the amazing efforts they would make to bring peace and justice to their world. 143 PP.

September 17 Chapters 1& 2, October 1 Chapters 3-4. October 15 Chapters 5-6, October 29 Chapters 7-8.

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr.Fr. Rohr offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth. The author explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down: are the only ones who understand "up." With rare insight, Rohr takes us on a journey to give us an understanding of how the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us. 198 pp.

November 19 Invitation & Introduction, December 3 Chapters 1-2, December 17 Chapter 3, January 7 Chapters 4-5-6, January 28 Chapters 7-8-9, February 11 Chapters 10-11, February 25 Chapters 12-13.

Mystics: Ten Who Show Us The Ways Of God by Murray Bodo, O.F.M. Christianity is a mysterious faith. Some of these mysterious can be described with Scripture or doctrine, but others can only be experienced. Those graced with these experiences, these intimate glimpses of God, are called mystics. Father Bodo's sensitive guidance leads us into the heart of what these mystics have expressed about God and how their insight can deepen our own experience of the divine. In addition to reading the book we

will listen to a CD program of 12 30 minute lectures given by Father Bodo on these same mystics.

March 4 Introduction & Mary, March 18 Francis of Assisi & Julian of Norwich, April 8 Jacopone Da Todi & Catherine of Siena, April 22 John of the Cross & Therese of Lisieux, May 6 Gerard Manley Hopkins & Simone Weil, May 20 Robert Lax & Conclusion.