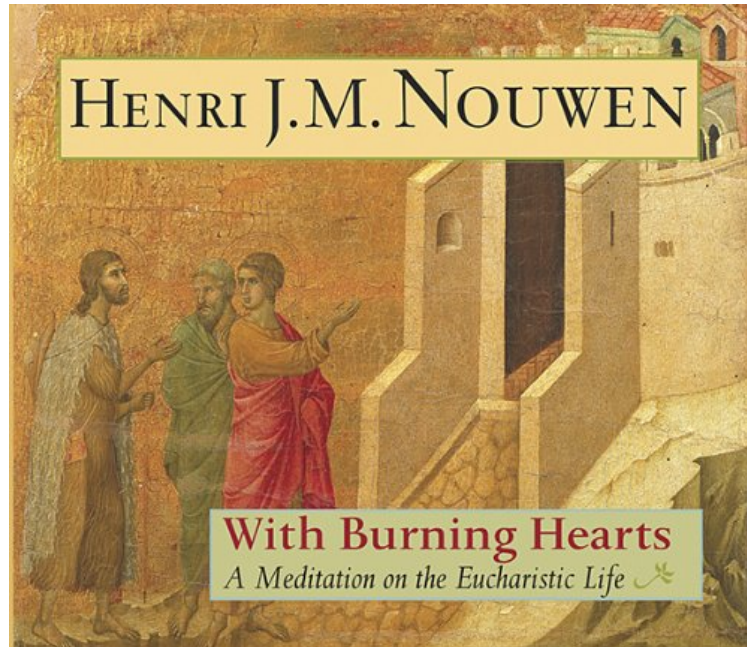


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With *Burning Hearts* offers a fuller understanding of the Eucharist through the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus. Like these disciples, we too, come together in our brokenness before God, hear the Word and the profession of faith, and recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

About the Author Henri J. M. Nouwen is one of the most popular spiritual writers of our time. He wrote more than forty books, among them the bestselling *Out of Solitude*. He taught at the University of Notre Dame, as well as Yale and Harvard Universities. From 1986 until his death in 1996, he was part of the L'Arche Daybreak community in Toronto, where he shared his life with people with mental disabilities.