

The Beguine Movement & Meister Eckhart



The Beguine movement began in Medieval Europe, and still has much to teach us today regarding the practice of Spirituality. In this movement, women chose to live an Apostolic life based on the Gospels. They chose not to become nuns who lived in convents; they chose not to become wives and mothers. Rather they live together in community, apart from ecclesial authority.

Some Beguine women were important writers of Spirituality in the vernacular of the people (and not in academic Latin). To name three: Hadewijch of Brabant, Mechthild of Magdeburg and Marguerite Porete. This retreat will focus on the work of Porete: *The Mirror of Simple Souls*.

Meister Eckhart as a Dominican priest ministered to the Beguine community, and his sermons present a challenging and controversial Spirituality.

This retreat will go back and forth between these two great Spiritual Masters: Marguerite Porete and Meister Eckhart.

Books that will be used on the Retreat (please bring with you)

Marguerite Porete, *The Mirror of Simple Souls* (The Classics of Western Spirituality). New York: Paulist Press, 1993.

The Complete Mystical Works of Meister Eckhart, With Forward by Bernard McGinn, Translated by Maurice O'C. Walshe. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2009.

Retreat I & II - September 1-5, 2023

Retreat I - September 1-3, 2023

Retreat II - September 3-5, 2023

**See retreat costs below*

facilitated by

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Registration for **Full Retreat & Retreat I**

Friday, September 1st 3:00 to 5:00pm;

dinner at 5:15pm; **Retreat I** ends

after Lunch on Sunday, September 3rd.

Registration for **Retreat II** Sunday, September

3rd 3:00 to 5:00pm; dinner at 5:15pm;

ends after Lunch on Tuesday, September 5th.

REGISTRATION FORM - Red Cheever - September 2023 Retreat

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Credit Card _____

____ Visa ____ Mastercard ____ Amex Exp. Date ____ CID ____

☐ Retreat I: Resident \$275/Commuter \$225 (\$75 non-refundable deposit)

☐ Retreat I & II: Resident \$450/Commuter \$375

☐ Retreat II: Resident \$275/Commuter \$225 (\$75 non-refundable deposit)

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