

direct us in exactly what to do next. I am aware that holds us while we fumble, allow- ing us to think we are and how we perceive the present, not as a puppeteer or traffic cop, but as a parent who allows the child to stumble and learn alone, learning what her/his capabilities

about when I teach contemplative prayer is the true self, how it resides deep within, hidden. The false self is the illusion created by what we take on that contributes to our sense of self in the world. These are the props we use to help us make the world predictable. With this structure that we have created, this way of engaging ourselves each time we need to engage the world as we become boxed in, believing this is the true self, in fact, much more than the person we are in the world. The universal teaching of all religions is this false self, this delusion about who we are, the true self. I believe contemplative prayer is a way to see the unreal, the false self, and to see the real, the opportunities in our lives to open to this world. These are one of those opportunities. We are not to hold on to, as well as not to let go of, or attachments. Perhaps in this suspended state we can see a glimpse of all that we are, the one true self's view, the only "self" that can see God. That is what I am writing to myself, as well as to you, to be in those limited by trust: God is ever present. In the words of

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Richard Resumes Role as Founding Director

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Six years ago when I thought I was being called to Africa, I handed over the Center to lay leadership. During that time we have had both Co Directors and recently a fulltime Director, Kathleen O'Malley. They have served us well, and we are very grateful for their commitment. Kathleen is now being succeeded by Stephen Picha, who has been serving together with his wife, Mary Jo, as the manager of our guest house, Tepeyac. Stephen also served us as Internship Coordinator and was in charge of planning our monthly liturgies. For the first time, we have a director who has "come up through the ranks." As you will quickly learn, he is eminently qualified and prepared to give spirit and leadership to the Center for Action and Contemplation. Stephen is a hard worker, and he intuitively understands how the various parts of the CAC need to work together to present a common faith vision.

Since it looks like the CAC is stuck with my continued presence (I did not go to Africa), it seems that the only honest position for me is to again enter the loop under the title "Founding Director." After continued confusion over my exact role here, it seems I have to formally own my position rather than abdicate it. The Board and present staff actually requested that I do this, and it seems that the time is right. Stephen Picha will be the hands-on Executive Director, and I know it will be very easy to work with him as we develop this new/old position together with the Board. We are quite excited about this strong unity and development at the CAC. I am sure you will see the good effects in the days and years ahead.

Please continue to pray with us and for us,
Richard Rohr

STAFF POSITION OPENING: RADICAL GRACE EDITOR

The Center for Action and Contemplation has a staff position opening. The primary functions of this position are serving as the managing editor of Radical Grace, the CAC's quarterly newspaper, and creating the bi-monthly bulletin to the local community; participating in the organization and coordination of programs: retreats, conferences, and internships; assisting with grant writing and other projects that require writing skills; and participating in the prayer life of the Center.

This full-time position requires excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, creativity, resourcefulness, initiative, familiarity and involvement with peace and justice issues, and commitment to spiritual growth. Computer literacy and writing and editing skills are needed.

We offer a minimal salary (low 20's), medical insurance and other benefits. The preferred starting time is November, 2001. If you wish to apply, please send a letter of interest, resume, autobiography highlighting major turning points in your life (no longer than three pages) and three letters of reference to CAC Director, P.O. Box 12464, Albuquerque, NM 87195-2464.

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