

Continuing & Distance Education Department  
**St. Francis Xavier University**

**SPRT 130 A Theology of the Heart: The life and writings of Henri Nouwen**

A 10 week distance education (online) course, offered in the **SPRING TERM, starting April 16<sup>th</sup>**. **This course is offered independently and as an elective in the Certificate in Spirituality.**

Instructor: Stephen Lazarus

This course is an intense, practical introduction to the rich legacy of Henri Nouwen's life and writings. Through the course assignments and online discussions, students are given an opportunity to interact with the wide range of Henri's writing, to allow these important themes to interconnect with their own life experience and to develop a creative response to the material covered. It is hoped that Henri's honest commitment to the spiritual journey will resonate deeply in the souls of the students, and that his writings will encourage them to search for and claim the unique themes of their own spiritual development. In this course, participants will:

- examine the scope and depth of Henri Nouwen's writing
- explore the ongoing struggle between Henri's own life and his desire for spiritual faithfulness
- reflect on the unique pattern of their spiritual path and deepen their walk of faith as a Beloved Child
- look at specific pieces of Henri's writings in a ministry context

There is one assignment at end of term. The assignment is reflective, asking the participants to integrate their reading in the required textbooks/course pack with their particular cultural and religious context.

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