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We promote right relationships with God, with each other and with Creation, especially through spiritual development in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and through deep engagement with this land.

**Loyola House Retreats & Ignatian Training** is central to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre, located one km north of Guelph on over 600 acres of beautiful farmland, with walking trails through rolling hills, woods and wetlands—all of it an integral part in our retreats and programs.



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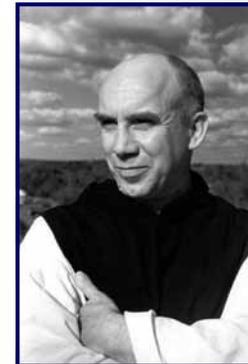
# Merton & Nouwen:

## Spiritual Guides for our Tremulous Times

February 1-3 2019

*A Weekend Retreat*

*Facilitated by Michael W. Higgins*



Thomas Merton



Henri Nouwen

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**Thomas Merton**—monk and poet—and **Henri Nouwen**—pastor and psychologist—were both spiritual pilgrims whose respective wisdom has shaped generations of people of various and no faith traditions.

We will explore by means of their diaries, letters, and prose commentaries the components of their spiritual wisdom, their *sapiential* insights, so critical in our own time of upheaval, uncertainty, and parochialism of the heart and mind.

Although they only met once and they died some three decades apart, they were companions along the way, hungering for peace, wholeness, and the deep interiority of prayer and contemplation.

Michael W. Higgins, author of numerous books and articles on Merton and Nouwen, as well as CBC IDEAS series on each of them, will be our guide for the weekend.



**Michael W. Higgins**, a native Torontonionian, is an author, scholar, Vatican affairs specialist for the *Globe and Mail* and *CTV Network*, educator, *CBC* radio documentarian, and former senior academic administrator.

Dr. Higgins is currently Distinguished Professor of Catholic Thought at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. He has edited and co-edited, authored and co-authored numerous books, including biographies of both Thomas Merton and Henry Nouwen. He is a regular contributor to *Commonweal*, *Literary Review of Canada*, and *The Tablet*; as well as a columnist for *The Irish Catholic*.

He is the recipient of many awards, including two honorary doctorates, and won the 2013 Gold Medal for International Radio Documentaries awarded by the New York Festivals. He is a Senior Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto, an International Fellow of the Chester Ronning Centre for Religion and Public Life, University of Alberta, and an Affiliate Graduate Professor of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio.



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Cost: \$260 Live-in | \$160 Commuter

Fees include accommodations, meals, sessions with a spiritual director (unless stated otherwise), daily liturgy, and access to the land. Commuter fees do not include accommodations. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

**To apply** for this retreat, complete the online application form at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) under Application. A downloadable form may also be completed, from the application webpage.

### Checking In

Unless otherwise noted in the schedule, retreats and programs begin promptly at 8pm on the first day and end at 1pm on the last day.

### Payment Policy

Payment in full must be received in order to secure your booking. Cancellations & Refunds are managed on an individual basis.