

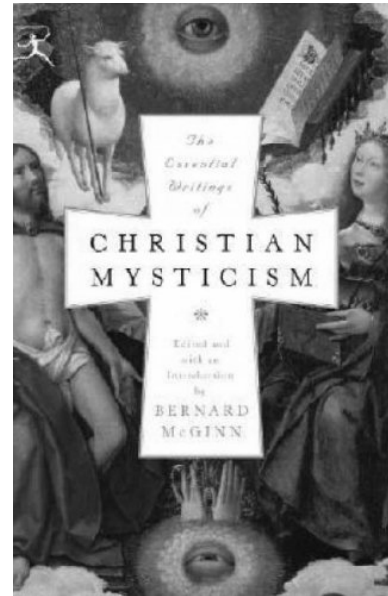
**FALL 2008 ADULT EDUCATION:**  
***The Essential Themes of Christian Mysticism***

**R**owan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote “No-one is better equipped than Professor McGinn to provide a thorough and balanced guide to this vast literature. A first-class selection, by a first-class scholar.”

In this eight week course, Bernard McGinn, in his book, *The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism*, will be our guide to the core themes of the mystics. Each session will be devoted to a particular theme. We will not only read the original writings of the mystics, we will hear their words in a brief, contemplative liturgy as well as discuss the themes exploring how they may apply to our own religious and spiritual lives.

The course starts Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and continues for eight Tuesdays:

- Sep 9:** *Biblical Interpretation*
- Sep 16:** *Asceticism & Purgation*
- Sep 23:** *Prayer, Liturgy & Sacraments*
- Sep 30:** *Inner & Outer Practices*
- Oct 7:** *Mystical Itineraries*
- Oct 14:** *Living the Trinity*
- Oct 21:** *Encountering Christ*
- Oct 28:** *Love & Knowledge*



Each session corresponds to a chapter in McGinn’s anthology that contains excerpts from the writings of five or more mystics.

*The course will be facilitated by Robert Bowler. A donation of \$25 for both the book and the course is suggested as a voluntary contribution, but whatever you are able to donate will help underwrite this offering in adult religious education. All are welcome. Register by contacting the Church office.*