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Spiritual Direction Check-Up for Spring 2011

We are fast approaching the holy days of the Triduum, with our faces set toward Pentecost. So I will share these words from the Catholic peace journal, *The Sign of Peace* (Winter 2009, p. 3):

> *The Word becomes flesh: What part of human life should not be transformed?*
> *Christ suffers the agony of the garden: Whose heart should not tremble?*
> *God reconciles all things: Can anyone be excused from the hard work of forgiveness?*
> *In what ways do we—as persons and as a Church—hesitate to follow Jesus Christ in the long, long way of the Cross?*

Henri Nouwen, Catholic Dutch priest and spiritual writer, offers these thoughts:

- How am I to find God?
  How am I letting myself be found by God?
- How am I to know God?
  How am I letting myself be known by God?
- How am I to love God?
  How am I letting myself be loved by God?
- Who is God for me?
  Who am I in the eyes and heart of God?

My thoughts . . .

What I am reading deep in the Lenten season:
The Death of Innocents: An eyewitness account of wrongful executions, Sr. Helen Prejean's clear and insistent cry against the inhumanity of the death penalty, especially for those who are wrongly condemned through rigged evidence and outright prejudice.

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