

***Jesus: Forgiving Victim—A webcast with  
James Alison and Richard Rohr***

Sunday, August 14 at 11:45 am in the Bloom Education Center

In dialogue with one another, James Alison and Richard Rohr help us understand what Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us. Drawing from philosopher René Girard's work, they free this familiar biblical story from unhelpful, toxic interpretations such as "sacrifice" and "atonement." While the human psyche readily projects its shadow onto others, identifying a scapegoat to carry our inner shame, Jesus—the forgiving victim—shows us a way of surrender that heals and transforms even the deepest wounds. By ending the cycle of violence we become free to experience true union with God and each other. Rohr and Alison show us how we can apply this archetype to our individual faith journeys and communities. Together they offer insights that are teachable, prayable, and most importantly, livable.

**A light lunch will be available during the webcast.**

*James Alison, a Catholic theologian, priest, and author, is "one of the most exciting and ground-breaking theologians on the scene today," according to Richard Rohr. Alison's books include *The Joy of Being Wrong, On Being Liked, Undergoing God, and Faith Beyond Resentment*. His course, *Jesus the Forgiving Victim*, is a valuable resource for groups and individuals.*

*Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico. His teaching is grounded in the Christian contemplative tradition. Fr. Richard is author of numerous books, including *Everything Belongs, Eager to Love, and The Divine Dance* (to be published later this year).*