

Invites you to the Cape Town launch of

Guardian of the Light

Denis Hurley: Renewing the Church, Opposing Apartheid

by Paddy Kearney



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Tuesday 29 September 2009 at 5.30pm

Commencing with a brief gathering at the Baptismal Font, St Mary's Cathedral
presided over by Father Noel Rucastle, Administrator.

Followed by Book Launch in the Atrium of the Archdiocesan Chancery
Cathedral Place, 12 Bouquet Street, Cape Town.

WELCOME: Monsignor Andrew Borello, Vicar General
SPEAKERS: Gunther Simmermacher, Editor of The Southern Cross
Thora Perez, former member, SA Council of Catholic Laity
Di Oliver, former Council member, Diakonia Council of Churches
IN THE CHAIR: Advocate Mike Pothier, Research Coordinator, Catholic
Parliamentary Liaison

Books on sale at special launch price of R300

All royalties from sales of "Guardian of the Light" will be donated to the DENIS HURLEY CENTRE at Emmanuel Cathedral, Durban, a centre which provides care, promotes education and training and builds community in one of the most challenging and diverse areas in Durban.

KINDLY RSVP TO:

Pamela Davids at: The Southern Cross (021) 465-5007 or email: admin@scross.co.za

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invites you to take part in a



PILGRIMAGE TO ROBBEN ISLAND on Saturday 3 October 2009.

The purpose will be to visit places of significance to the Hurley family who lived on the island from 1918 – 1923 when Denis Hurley Senior was lighthouse keeper. Examples will include the lighthouse, the family house, the school attended by Denis Hurley – as well as some other places more traditionally visited on Robben Island such as the maximum security prison and Nelson Mandela's cell.

RSVP Essential:

If you would like to take part in this Pilgrimage, please book your place by contacting Rev Dr Deon Snyman on 072 0804717/031 9495354 or email: deon.snyman@telkomsa.net for additional information.

Kindly assemble at the Nelson Mandela Gateway (Waterfront) at 8.30am on 3 October so that we will be ready to leave on the 9.00am ferry.

We will return on the 12 noon ferry, which will reach the Waterfront at 12.30p.m. Please bring a hat, sunglasses and warm windcheater/sweatshirt.

Please park your car in the parking space behind the Waterfront – at R10 per day, this is the cheapest way to park your car for the day. (*Directions: Round the circle, turn left, as you go into the Clock tower shopping area on the tarred area on the right hand side*).

Charge for ferry: R180 per person.

Please notify Deon Snyman no later than the evening of the Cape Town book launch (Tuesday 29 September) if you would like to participate in the Pilgrimage. The money will be collected on the day of the trip – Saturday 3 October.

About Archbishop Denis Hurley...

... a courageous opponent of South Africa's apartheid regime for 50 years, dubbed an "ecclesiastical Che Guevara" by a South African politician and "guardian of the light" by Alan Paton. He was a champion of the reforms and "spirit" of Vatican II, who was controversial for his views on birth control, married priests and women's ordination.

About the author...

Paddy Kearney worked closely with Archbishop Hurley in the Durban-based ecumenical social change agency, Diakonia, from 1976 to 2004. He is a consultant to the KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council and coordinates the Denis Hurley Centre at Emmanuel Cathedral, Durban.

In praise of "GUARDIAN OF THE LIGHT"

"It is a must read for us all."

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa.

"Paddy Kearney is well placed to tell the inside story. His book throws fresh light on the life and career of a great churchman."

John Wilkins, Editor, *The Tablet*, 1982 – 2003.

"This book provides a vivid, poignant story of a powerful yet humble man of God, committed to truth, justice and non-racialism."

Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of the Mahatma.

"Archbishop Denis Hurley's life, a life of immense courage, deep spirituality and prophetic leadership, deserves to be more widely known not only in South Africa, but throughout the world. Paddy Kearney has ... written a beautiful, readable and well researched biography."

Albert Nolan OP, author of *Jesus Today: A Spirituality for Radical Freedom*.

"For those who knew (Archbishop Hurley) this text carefully fills in gaps in his story with documentation and personal interviews. For those who did not, a treat awaits as they meet this fascinating "lighthouse" person of faith!"

Elizabeth Johnson, distinguished Professor of Theology, Fordham University, New York.