

Spiritual leadership in hard times: Karl Rahner and Alfred Delp

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Steeped in the Ignatian spirituality of seeking God in all things the two Jesuits have become inspiring figures of Christian life in a secular world. Karl Rahner, one of the greatest theologians of the 20th. century, and Alfred Delp, a martyr for his Christian faith in Nazi Germany, drew their intellectual strength and social commitment from a practice of meditation and prayer that gave firm direction to their lives in adverse environments." The paper will explore their spirituality and meditative practice as the source of their spiritual leadership for designing the constitution of post-Nazi Germany, for re-interpreting faith in a secular world, and for reforming the Church."