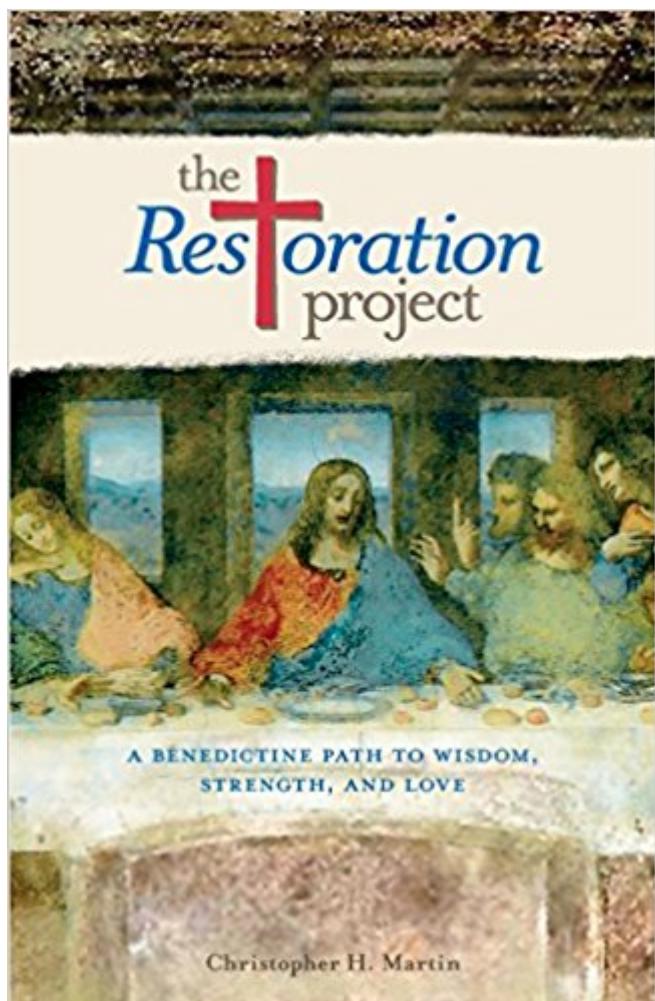


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# The Restoration Project



## **Synopsis**

"So much in our lives has obscured our God-given beauty. The integrity of the likeness of God has broken apart, the foundation has not been firm. We have tried to fix things and often made it even worse, and the environment in which we live can be toxic, violent, and aggressive." The Restoration Project explores The Twelve Steps of Humility, the heart of The Rule of Saint Benedict, revealing how this ancient guide leads to wisdom, strength, and love. The book weaves prayer, poetry, and art with contemporary stories of brokenness, joy, and discovery to guide the reader to a place of spiritual renewal. The book is a cornerstone of a national initiative, also called The Restoration Project. This important work is the perfect guide for both individuals and group study.

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How can we know the way? Christopher Martin writes with tested wisdom our need for restoration if we are to become what we already are. He is as conversant with Benedict of Nursia and Bernard of Clairvaux as he is about abuse, addiction, and the tedium of making mistakes. Christopher is a master weaver of poetry and art, ancient and new. He gives very shrewd spiritual direction when we stumble because of the fear or aggression we are loath to face. Some of his compelling stories will make your eyes twinkle; others will lance a wound, your wound. How countercultural his writing about the steps toward humility, admittedly a long climb, yet something so helpful and hopeful, and which he models. Christopher helps us settle into stillness so that we can really and finally listen to God. < --Br. Curtis Almquist, The Society of Saint John the EvangelistIn The Restoration Project,

Father Christopher Martin has applied ancient Benedictine wisdom to the twenty-first-century spiritual journey and embattled post-modern Church. He has rediscovered (maybe re-presented) habits for living that are radically changing the character of Christian community and wonderfully enriching the lives of the people of God. Reader be forewarned: the ideas in this book may change your life. They have changed mine! --The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Episcopal Bishop of Nebraska

Christopher H. Martin is the rector of St. Paul's, San Rafael, California where he has served since 2004. He is the founder of The Restoration Project, a national movement of churches devoted to spiritual maturity through a balance of spiritual practices, including friendship with the poor. Other elements are structured small groups and formation classes.

I am normally wary of small religious books because they often ramble in Christianese without much content. But The Restoration Project uses the physical restoration of Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper as a framework for the presentation of St. Benedict's twelve steps of humility with the intent of infusing new life into the Christian movement in the 21st century. It suggests the establishment of Discipleship groups that use adaptations of St. Benedict's steps to refresh "The Way" in the present. At the end, it suggests a format for the conduct of regular Discipleship Group meetings. I found it had substance and is well worth reading.

I am glad I ordered this book. It helps to get people to think about living a spiritual lifestyle daily. We all need to be reminded that spirituality is not just for Sundays and holidays. I recommend this book for anyone who wants more life on a daily basis. We can live out our faith sometimes by the minute.

a very thought provoking book.

I recommend this excellent overview of St. Benedict's Rule. This helpful book provides a clear, concise rule of life for the modern disciple.

Ok book. Don't know how applicable it is for today. Doesn't read easily. I found myself re reading pages to try and comprehend meaning and message

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A lovely, inspirational book that offers specific guidelines on living life as a follower of Christ.

Great book and service

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