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Ai-Un Hugo Makibi Enomiya-Lassalle: Bridge Builder Between Zen and Christianity

A Film by Christof Wolf

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Ai-Un Hugo Makibi Enomiya-Lassalle—Bridge Builder Between Zen and Christianity is a documentary about the life of the German Jesuit priest and Zen instructor Hugo Enomiya-Lassalle, 1898-1990. He was one of the foremost teachers to embrace both Roman Catholic Christianity and Zen Buddhism. Serving in the German Army during World War I, he joined the Society of Jesus shortly after the war ended, and became an ordained Jesuit priest in 1927. He traveled to Japan as a missionary in 1929 and was Vicar of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 when the atomic bomb was detonated over that city. He was badly wounded by the blast. After the war, he was instrumental in building the Hiroshima Memorial Cathedral for World Peace. He started studying Zen with Harada Daiun Sogaku in 1956 and in 1958 published: *Zen A Way to Enlightenment*. Following Harada's death, he studied with Yamada Koun, who was enthusiastic about Zen as a form of Christian practice. In the late 1960s, he became a certified Zen instructor and was given the title "Roshi" by Yamada Koun Roshi. After 1968 he spent most of his time teaching Zen in Europe. His interesting and unusual life is explored in detail in this documentary.

This film is being screened courtesy of Loyola Productions Munich GmbH. Spoken in German with English subtitles. 110 Minutes.

Admission is free.

